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Troops return home for Christmas

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Sydney Libstorff, 6, received her Christmas gift just over a week early on Friday, when her mother, Gail Libstorff, and members of the 507th Engineer Battalion returned from Iraq.

The 41 men and women of the Camp Grayling-based 507th Engineer Battalion were flown into the Grayling Army Air Field on a Michigan Air National Guard C-130 airplane on Friday.

The 507th Engineer Battalion was called to active duty Nov. 5, 2004 and sent to Fort McCoy, Wis., for in-processing and mission specific training. They arrived in Kuwait Dec. 31. From there, they deployed into Iraq.

While in Iraq, the unit served as a command and control element for other units which included dive teams, units which built bridges, schools and housing units and provided combat support.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Janice Libstorff, a supply sergeant for the 507th Engineer Battalion, and her husband, Gary Libstorff, told Sydney that she would try to be home before Christmas, but kept it a surprise that she was coming home Friday. Left, Sgt. 1st Class Albert Rockhold of Frederic hugs friends and family members at the Grayling Army Airfield.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



About 40 people attended the third annual Night Before Christmas program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last week. Children and families listened to Christmas stories, sang carols, wrote letters and wish lists to Santa and enjoyed some Christmas cookies. Above, Diane Tomlinson and her children, Stuart, 4, and Anna, 2, wore their pajamas to the program.

Hatchery committee applies for federal grant

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Following its main mission, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is casting into a different pool of money in hopes of saving the historic fish hatchery building.

The hatchery committee this week will submit a grant application in hopes of obtaining U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Enterprise funds.

The grant funds are earmarked to fund and finance small and emerging business enterprises in rural areas and can be used for the repair and modernization of buildings.

The hatchery committee is hoping to gain funding to replace the roof and siding on the exterior of the hatchery building. The committee is applying for a \$99,000 grant with an estimate that the roof would take up about a third of the funds.

"If we can get the roof fixed, we can protect the interior of the building while we seek other sources of funding," said Bruce Patrick, the environmental monitor for Crawford County and a fish hatchery steering committee member.

The Grayling Township Board

is studying if it can legally pledge money toward the restoration project since the hatchery building is located in the City of Grayling. The township boundary starts just east of the hatchery property, said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The Grayling City Council has pledged \$5,000 toward a grant to bring life back to the hatchery building.

"The fish hatchery is an important part of our community and the city is trying to support the effort to make it a destination in the community once again," said Grayling Mayor Larry Akers.

About \$9,000 has been pledged from municipalities, Trout Unlimited, service clubs and businesses toward the project, Patrick said.

"The whole community, when it comes to helping people, it's just amazing," Patrick said.

The hatchery committee is hoping to establish a natural history museum in the building.

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RINK READY FOR HOLIDAYS



The ice rink by the Grayling City Hall will be open in time for Christmas. Above, Tom Wellman, a city council member who volunteers to maintain the rink, and Grayling Fire Chief Russ Strohpaul dump water on the rink with a fire department tanker. The city's Department of Public Works will also help maintain the rink.

Courthouse Christmas display created by youth

Volunteers and youth involved with the 4-H "Life's Better With a Mentor" program have spruced up the entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse for the holidays.

Mentors and mentees met at the courthouse on Sunday, Nov. 27 and spent hours decorating a planter box in the courthouse entryway. "It's a project we've been looking to do for some time



The holiday display in the entrance at the Crawford County Courthouse also served as a donation area for hats, gloves and socks which were taken to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, where they will be distributed to local families.

Hatchery committee applies for grant

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\$46,000 Department of Natural Resources grant in 2003.

The committee was unsuccessful in obtaining grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to restore the building.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, col-

lected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with

brook and brown trout succeeded.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

Thousands of school groups, tourists and residents visit the hatchery every summer.

Sheriff offers snowmobile safety course

Deputy Jason Alexander from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a snowmobile safety school on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The school will held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the sheriff's office, 200 West Michigan

Avenue. Participants should be at least 12-year-old.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Snowmobile Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests

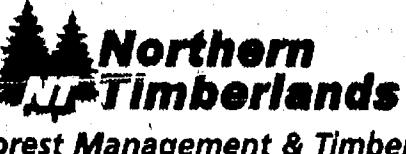
that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

The class is being limited to the first 50 participants, who must register by calling Theresa Andrews as the Sheriff's Office at 344-3213 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sheriff's office closed for holidays

The administration portion of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

The offices will also be closed Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's holiday.



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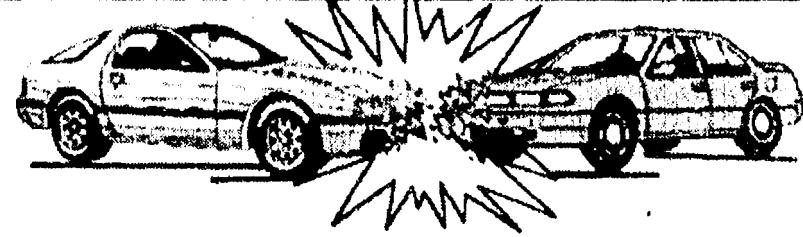
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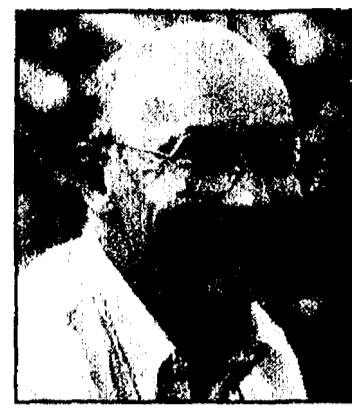

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Kids point the way to true Christmas spirit

DESPITE RECURRING attempts to change directions, Christmas time in our country – and throughout much of the world, for that matter – has a solid religious foundation based upon the Christian belief of the birth of the Baby Jesus.

There's nothing wrong with that. Without a belief in God, Christmas really has little purpose and diminished meaning.

This year many folks are upset out of all proportion about the difference between "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays." The White House Christmas card this year omitted specific words and used a generic greeting instead. Some stores advertise holiday sales instead of Christmas specials.

My reaction is "So what?" Why get all excited? Negative attitudes distort the true Christmas spirit anyway.

Christmas is a holiday. So is New Year's Day. They both come this time of year. Why not be inclusive?

Do we wish the best only for Christmas Day? Do we hope only Christians have a joyous season? Let's be inclusive.

Personally I wish folks a merry Christmas, but also wish them happy holidays, too. My wish is for good things far beyond Christmas itself, and extending through the New Year.

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON covers several days. It's a time

for family gatherings ... to greet friends and loved ones ... to give and receive gifts ... to sing songs and Christmas carols, many with a religious theme and history. These are all good things.

But without the religious foundation, the whole thing doesn't mean much. It's simply a time of year and a few days off work.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others – through donations and feeding the homeless and the lonely and giving toys and clothing to needy families – these are all good.

Jewish faithful also celebrate a miracle at this time of year. Hanukkah is a significant reli-

gious feast in the Jewish faith. It, too, is good. But it isn't Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS IS especially for children. Can children grasp the idea of God and the Baby Jesus? Of course they can. If you doubt it, just talk to some children.

"God is a good friend to have."

That is one of the delightful comments about God from kids, collected a few years ago in a book under that precise title. Here are some other comments from kids, perhaps simple, but yet insightful:

"God wants peace and quiet, just like my father."

"God is always listening to

everything. I bet He wishes He could turn it off sometimes."

"God is everywhere like the air. We breathe Him in and out. He don't mind."

"God is who tells you when you have to die and it does not matter how old you are either. You have to do it."

"God is someone you can hear inside and feel all over, but you can't see Him or touch Him. But that isn't so important."

"God is a spirit, not like a ghost or scary or anything, but like a big person who isn't really there."

"God is whatever you think He is, but not a girl."

"We really don't know where God is, but you have to believe

in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way."

* * *

AT CHRISTMAS time, we search for meaning in our lives.

That child quoted in the book "God Is a Good Friend to Have" is pretty much on target:

You have to believe in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way.

From the Almanack, we sincerely wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and happy holidays, too!

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Santa won't come if you're not asleep

To the editor:

Christmas Eve, 1935. I slept with my brother to keep warm. My mother said, "Now you boys get into bed and go to sleep or Santa won't come."

I couldn't sleep. The corn shucks outside our window rustled and whispered against the glass. I shut my eyes and tried to sleep. I asked my brother, "Are you asleep?" And he said, "Go to sleep, there ain't no Santa Claus, I told you a hundred times, it's them, Ma and Pa, they put out the presents" He thought

he knew it all just because he was nine and I was only five.

He must have gone to sleep, but I laid there with my eyes shut. Then I heard someone say something in the living room where we had the tree. I saw a crack of light at the bedroom door and a shadow standing there. It was my mother.

"Richard, are you asleep?" she said. "Yup," I said. My brother said, "You dummy."

Richard Slater
Grayling

Women aren't good enough?

To the editor:

I am appalled at the Crawford County Avalanche. Reading the paper this week, I came across the article about the fire department hiring new recruits. The first line said they are "looking for a few good men."

Colleen Rogers
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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Historically Speaking



According to the February 23, 1882 Crawford County Avalanche the newspaper changed hands to the new editor and proprietor, Dr. Oscar Palmer the previous week. Most photos of Dr. Palmer show him with a short beard. One of our readers submitted the photo above showing Dr. Palmer's beard flowing across the floor. Evidently he would tuck his beard into his sport coat to keep it out of the way.

The first day of winter is December 21!!

On this day, also known as the

Winter Solstice, the Sun is farthest

South. It is also the shortest day of the

year in the Northern Hemisphere, being that there are only 9.5 hours of daylight in some places.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will be closed on

Monday, December 26.

Deadlines for the December 29th

Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 22 5 pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 23 by noon
Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 23 by noon
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 27 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on
Tuesday, December 27th at 9 am.

Our office will be closed on

Monday, January 2.

Deadlines for the

January 5, 2006

Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 29 5pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 30 by noon
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Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 3 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on
Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 am.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Snowmobile safety classes to be held

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association will be holding snowmobile safety classes for those 12 years of age or older on Jan. 3, 4 and 5, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Grayling High School. Call 989-348-2317 to sign up.

Host family needed

The Grayling Rotary Club Youth Exchange is in need of a family to host Dante Velasquez from Peru, beginning in February 2006, until his departure at the end of July. Dante is in the senior class at Grayling High School. He would like to become a Mechanical Engineer. His hobbies are soccer, swimming, salsa music, and dance. This is a great opportunity to foster international relations. The Grayling Rotary Club provides assistance and support. For more information call Norm Schmoock at 989-348-5132.

Ski industry offers families winter incentives to stay healthy

Hanson Hills of Grayling and the Cross Country Ski Headquarters of Roscommon have teamed up with McDonald's restaurants statewide and other ski areas across the state to offer a program that provides customers an opportunity to try healthy winter activities such as skiing (downhill and cross-country) and snowboarding at discounted prices.

Now available at participating McDonald's restaurants, the "Discover Michigan Skiing" value vouchers can be redeemed for affordable "learn-to-ski" or "learn-to-snowboard" packages. The costs for downhill or cross-country ski packages are \$40 (ages 10 and older). The vouchers are valid between Jan. 3 until Jan. 31; participants choose the place they wish to visit and then call to pre-register.

Additionally, each ski voucher program participant will receive a packet in the mail including a coupon valid for \$20 off the purchase of \$100 or more in ski-related merchandise at participating retail ski shops.

"Discover Michigan Skiing" is a great way to kick start your New Year's resolution and stay active during the cold winter months. This is a great partnership and opportunity to further McDonald's commitment to balanced lifestyles," said Jerry Olinik, a metropolitan Detroit owner/operator.

Mickey MacWilliams, executive director of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association, recommends calling as early as possible to schedule a lesson as the lesson times fill up quickly.

"Since the Discover Michigan Skiing program is so affordable and fun, we have skiers of all ages participating each year," she said.

New for the 2005-2006 ski season is a "Caught Being Safe" ski helmet partnership with McDonald's, the Michigan Ski Patrol and the Field Neurosciences Institute. Michigan Ski patrol members, at participating ski resorts, will reward children "caught" wearing their ski helmets with a coupon for a free hot chocolate from McDonald's.

Nominations open for O.B. Eustis Environmental Award

Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is now accepting nominations for the O.B. Eustis Award.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or businesses that have consistently represented a balanced long-term view of reconciling the protection of the environment with the intelligent use of our natural resources.

The nominees may come from the eleven-county region of Northeast Michigan including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The winner(s) will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Huron Pines RC&D on Feb. 4, 2006.

The award is named for the late O.B. Eustis because his work was an excellent example of balancing environmental and economic concerns.

Eustis was widely known and respected as an industrialist, an environmentalist, and a nature columnist.

Some of the past winners include Evergreen Recycling of Alpena, Henry Waterkamp of Atlanta, AJD Forest Products of Grayling, and Robert and Mickey Strong and Vernie Nethercut of Alpena.

Nomination forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting: Huron Pines RC&D, 501 Norway St. Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989)348-9319, Email: info@huronpines.org.

Four-week nursing assistant course offered

Kirtland Community College will be offering a four-week Nursing Assistant Course during its next semester.

The class will take place on the Roscommon campus, and the clinical practice will be hosted at the Grayling Nursing Centre at Grayling.

Registration for the course will take place Monday through Tuesday, Jan. 9-17, and the course begins Monday, Feb. 6.

To be eligible for the class, students will need to submit in advance a completed physical exam form, negative TB test, and sign a permission form for the college to perform a criminal background check (felonies will make the student ineligible).

To obtain these forms and information about the course, contact Deb Near in Kirtland's Health Careers Department at 989-275-5000, ext. 281.

Small farm conference to be held at Grayling High School

State agriculture officials will be spreading the benefits of small farming in Grayling next month.

The seventh annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27.

Percy Schmeiser, a canola farmer for Saskatchewan, Canada, is the keynote speaker for the conference. Schmeiser's presentation will center on the farmer's ability to save seed and make choices on farming methods and crops that will grow in the future with emphasis on how these techniques relate to new patent laws on seeds and plants.

Some topics covered in workshops at the farm conference include renewable energy for the small farm, using food as medicine, enhancing beneficial insects with native plants, exploring the possibilities of organic farming and using holistic decision making skills on the farm.

Exhibitors will have lots of ideas to help small farmers on the farm.

The registration fee, which covers the cost of the conference, lunch and break refreshments, is \$40 per person and \$25 for each additional person. The registration deadline is Jan. 20.

Late registration or walk-in registration will include an additional \$5 per person and does not guarantee lunch availability.

For more information on the conference, contact the Antrim County Michigan State University Extension Office at (231) 533-8818.

DTE Energy Foundation announces major awards program for Michigan's top non-profit organizations

The DTE Energy Foundation will award \$400,000 to the winners of its 2006 Achieving Excellence Awards, the state's largest corporate grant competition for non-profit organizations. Awards of up to \$100,000 each will be presented in four categories: special achievement, leadership, collaboration and sustainability.

"The DTE Energy Foundation established the Achieving Excellence Awards to recognize and reward the state's exemplary non-profit organizations, and to encourage others to follow their lead," said Fred Shell, vice president, corporate and governmental affairs, DTE Energy, and president of the DTE Energy Foundation.

"The awards are substantial because we want to play a part in helping the recipients continue their good work."

In light of Michigan's current economic downturn, the Foundation will present a Special Achievement Award to recognize the non-profit organization that has best analyzed and positioned itself to respond to resulting community needs.

"Michigan's economy is facing significant challenges, which means that more people will need assistance from non-profit organizations," noted Shell. "As the demand for services grows, the work of these organizations will become more challenging, and more important than ever before."

The Foundation's Leadership Award will recognize the non-profit organization that demonstrates the clearest vision and

Applications and additional information on the Achieving Excellence Awards may be obtained online at www.dteenergy.com/foundation or by calling (313) 235-9271.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 18 of \$25 each: George Stancil, Allan Smith, Dennis Wakeley, John Besonen and Sydney Klee.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winner of \$100 for Dec. 9 was Sally Yost, and Dec. 16 was Pat Riegler.

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Christmas

Christmas time is coming, we hear throughout this land.

Of Santa Clause, of reindeer paws and all the goodies we can stand.

We can't wait for Christmas morning, to open gifts galore.

To get the things we think we need and often hope for more.

As a nation we are selfish, we have more than what we need.

We don't give thought to those without, for them we do not plead.

We say a prayer for loved ones, for those we hold so dear.

But what about the ones in need that we don't see or hear?

They don't ask for presents or fancy clothes to wear.

They only ask for food to eat and someone who will care.

Someone who tells of Jesus, the story of his birth.

The one who brings his spirit and tell why he came to earth.

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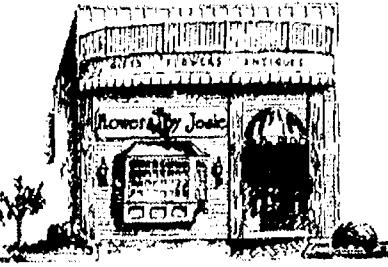
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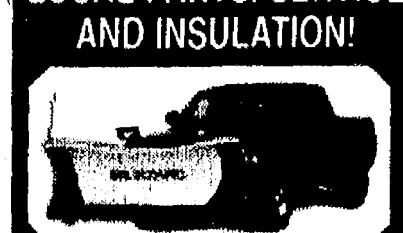
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Some now say "Happy Holiday" instead of "Merry Christmas." But Happy Holiday is an altered form of Happy Holy Days. So what Holy day are they desiring for us to observe in place of our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ and Merry Christmas are not outdated words to be ashamed of, ignored, or replaced in some kind of silent

sacrificial censorship to the idols of political correctness.

Hated of Jesus Christ, Christianity, and Western Civilization is the driving force behind all this discrimination. The miracle of Christmas is the fact that eternal God was manifest in human flesh. We read in 1 Tim. 3:16: "16And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." This was prophesied in Isa 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." This prophecy was fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ as we read in Matt 1:23: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

But why did God the Father send God the Son into the world to become flesh? We are told in 1 John 4:9,10: "9In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10Hence is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us,

and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." We are told in 1 Pet 2:24 how He did this: "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Jesus Christ died as our substitute for our sins as we are told in 1 Pet 3:18: "8For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

The greatest possible miracle to know this Christmas is that Jesus Christ is living right now within your heart and life. Believe God's promise in John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." The greatest gift you can receive this Christmas is to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins and to live within your heart. The greatest joy of Christmas is to know Jesus Christ as your God and Savior! Merry Christmas!

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Johnathan Rand Day celebrated



Photo courtesy of Karen Coe

The staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School celebrated "Johnathan Rand Day" on Monday in honor of former student Christopher Wright. Wright, a 2005 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee for Crawford AuSable Schools, graduated from Grayling High School in 1982. He is the author of the well known Michigan and American Chillers book series. Wright has written more than 30 children's books under the pen name of Johnathan Rand. His visit to Grayling Elementary marked the release of his latest book: "AuSable Alligators," which takes place in Grayling. In anticipation of Wright's visit, students have checked out and have been reading his books from the school's media center collection. The media center is also running a poster contest in conjunction with Wright's visit. Students who draw a poster will have their name entered into a drawing for a chance to win an autographed copy of a Chillers book. Proceeds from the school's fall book fair are being used to pay for Wright's visit and to purchase the books being given away.

Tree returns to AuSable Primary for Christmas



Connor Brill and Nicholas Hunter display ornaments which students made to place on the AuSable Primary Christmas tree.

Fifteen years ago, Michelle Belcher, the daughter of Gail and Pete Belcher, was a kindergarten student at the Grayling Elementary School.

On Earth Day, Belcher and the rest of her fellow students received a blue spruce seedling to take home and plant. She planted the tree by a home owned by her grandmother, Virginia Belcher, and it grew.

In December 2005, Sara Belcher and her husband, Steve, Michelle's uncle, decided that the little tree had grown too big and was crowding Virginia's house. It had to come down. The family decided that it should go back to where it started at the school. The Belchers donated the tree to the AuSable Primary School for all of the students to enjoy for the holidays. They cut down the tree and even delivered it.

"It smells like Christmas around here, now, and it's the tallest tree we've ever had," said Barb Mick, the AuSable Primary School principal. "It has put everyone in the Christmas spirit, too."

The students and staff at the school made garland and ornaments to decorate the tree, which is standing at the entryway of the school.

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Once a year, The C.O.O.R. Board of Education and R.O.O.C., Inc. presents the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award. Sperry was a community leader who gave many years of dedicated service to assist people with disabilities and their families. He was one of the four community members who started R.O.O.C., Inc., a non-profit community rehabilitation program providing employment and training services to adults with disabilities. He spent many years supporting the program to be successful and educating the community about the

resources people with disabilities bring to our community. The annual Ralph Sperry Memorial Award is given to an individual or group in recognition of their contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities. This year's recipient is Sylvia Powrie.

Powrie has been teaching at R.O.O.C. for nine years. She began as a teacher in the Adult Basic Education program and now works as a teacher in R.O.O.C.'s Adult Enrichment program. Her enthusiasm for

teaching has helped to make this one of the most requested services that R.O.O.C. offers. Her creative teaching techniques help people to acquire literacy skills needed to work and live independently in the community. Powrie is also one of R.O.O.C.'s most dedicated volunteers. She spends time chaperoning community events like plays and picnics. She also helps to coordinate and assist at special events in the building.

Powrie is also a volunteer for Special Olympics, and spends time helping raise funds for Hospice and the Literacy Council. "She can be counted on to help people individually in whatever capacity is needed," said Robert Carpenter, President of the COOR Board of Education. "She is well respected by the students and always goes the extra mile to help others achieve success. Her efforts, both on and off the job, have made substantial differences in the quality of life for people with disabilities in our service area. We are pleased to recognize her as this year's recipient of the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award," said Carpenter.



Sylvia Powrie was presented with the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award for her contributions to assist people with disabilities. Pictured above is (left to right) Clarice Sperry, wife of the late Ralph Sperry, Sylvia Powrie (middle) receiving the award from Robert Carpenter, President of the COOR Board of Education.

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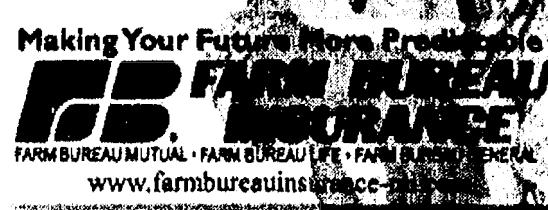
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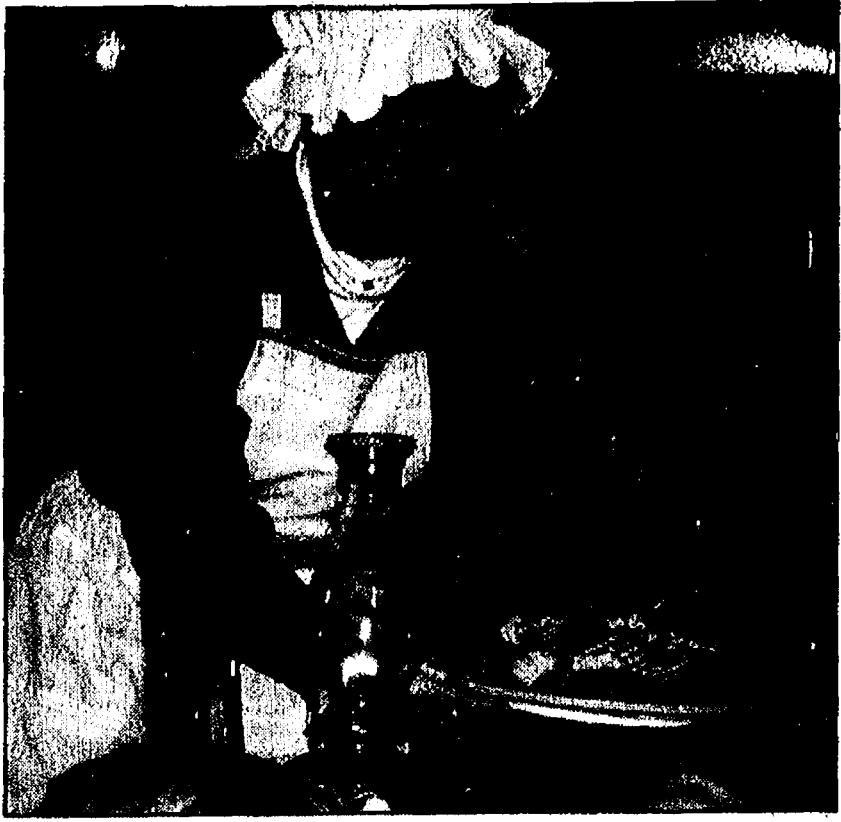
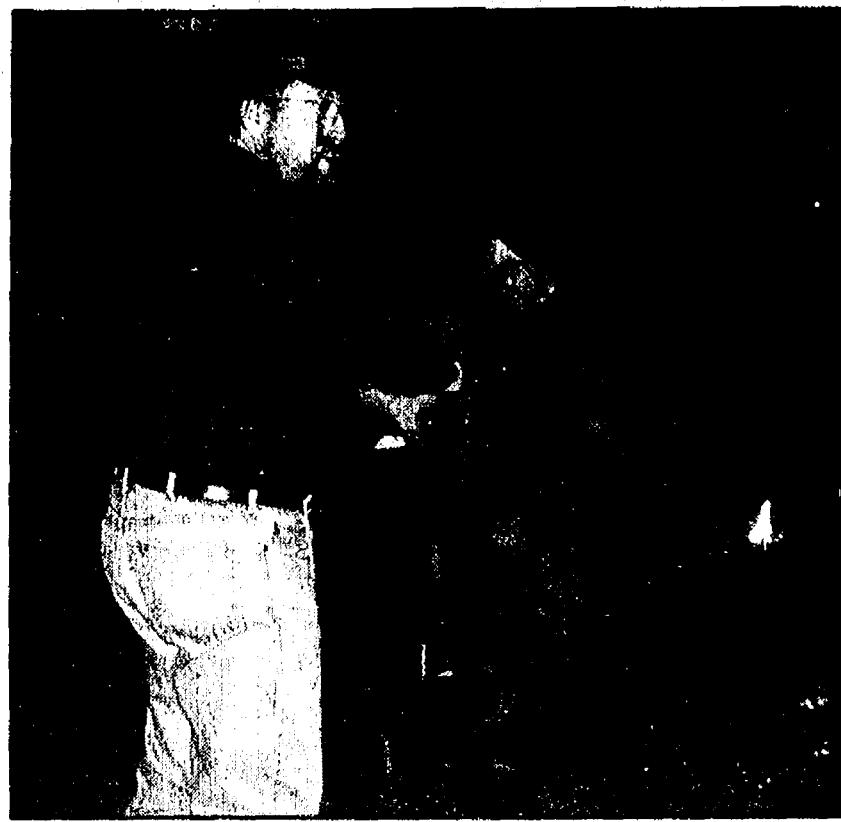
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Volunteers at the Wellington Farm Park held their Farm by Lantern Light program last weekend. The volunteers acted out a play, depicting the dilemma about how the Wellington community's church organ was damaged by vandals. The community members then came together to fix the organ in time for the annual Christmas program. Above left, Brian Chace and Ron Rakozy work on the organ parts in the blacksmith shop. Above right, Sue Sharp serves cookies to guests at the farm park.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Dec. 11 - Dec. 18:

Two private property accidents, nine traffic warnings, four motorist assists, one assist other department, five disturbing the peace complaints, four larceny complaints, five civil complaints, three alarm complaints, one domestic assault complaint, one attempt to locate, three city ordinance violations, one misdemeanor arrest and five unclassified complaints.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Danelle and Tim Butzin, of Ishpeming, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Danelle Butzin, born on Dec. 9, 2005, weighing 9 lbs., 10 ozs. and measuring 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Sherry Ocrott of Sault Ste. Marie, Dan Canfield and the late Beth Davis of Grayling, and Robert and Michelle Butzin of Grayling.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Michael Olson, we would like to thank all of the friends, classmates, school employees, and family members for the calls, cards, gifts and prayers during his recent stay at Munson Medical Center. We would like to thank Mercy Hospital ER staff and Munson Medical Center ICU and Pediatric staff members for taking such wonderful care of Michael. He continues to get stronger each day and we look forward to his complete recovery.

Paul Olson and Kathryn Olson

Santa visits Frederic



Santa visited many children in Frederic on Saturday. Above he is holding little eight day old Aiden Michael Parker of Frederic.

On Saturday Santa Claus paraded through Frederic on the Frederic fire engine. He made stops at local businesses to visit with all the boys and girls to find out what they wanted for Christmas and handed out candy canes and toys.

Later in the afternoon Santa made a stop at the Frederic Library and surprised more local kids and adults making Christmas crafts.

While visiting Santa even took a snowmobile ride around Frederic.

After about a four hour stop in Frederic Santa climbed aboard the fire engine and was quickly whisked off to the North Pole to get ready for his big night.

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With Honesty & Integrity

# Troops return home for Christmas

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Janice Libstorff, a supply sergeant for the 507th Engineer Battalion, and her husband, Gary Libstorff, told Sydney that she would try to be home before Christmas, but kept it a surprise that she was coming home Friday.

Janice said she learned to appreciate things she takes for granted, such as simply walking out of her home and getting into her car, while serving in war torn Iraq.

"It's a true blessing to be back," Janice said. "You never know the impact your family has on you until you can't reach out and hug them."

Gary Libstorff said he and Sydney coped with the absence of his wife by keeping involved in plenty of activities. A nurse at the cancer treatment department at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Libstorff said his patients, neighbors and friends were very supportive while his wife was deployed.

"I'm just glad that they're all coming home safe," he said. "You never know what to expect with the things that are going on over there."

Janice's parents, Phyllis and James Weatherly, who live south of Jackson, saved their vacations and gas money over the last year so they could be with Sydney.

"She didn't understand why her mother could not be here, so we tried to be supportive and do whatever we could," James Weatherly said.

Joe, Jeff and Jon Bancroft looked forward to having their father and role model, Sgt. 1st Class Albert Rockhold of Frederic, return home so he could be at their sporting events.

"He's there for us all of time," Jon Bancroft said. "It's not right not having him there."

Rockhold's daughter, Arica Rockhold, said the home will have an added spirit for the holidays now that her father has returned.

"He's my hero and I felt

empty without him," she said.

Rockhold said he looked forward to being able to give back to friends and family.

"They've been supportive of everything that we've been through and I can't say enough about them," Rockhold said.

The C-130 airplane whisked up the snow as it landed at the Grayling Army Airfield. Friends and family had to wait a few extra anxious moments to see their loved ones while the troops baggage was unloaded from the plane.

Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Witherspoon, who lives near Grand Rapids, wore a Santa hat off the plane since it is a Christmas tradition to wear the hat with his family.

"It's Christmas time, so I wanted to wear it off the plane," Witherspoon said. "The people we brought over there, we brought them all home safe and I'm really happy about that."

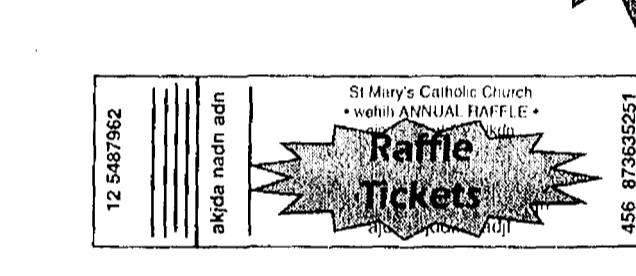
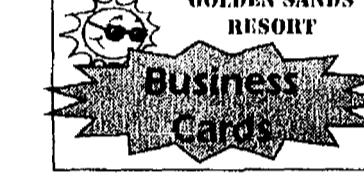
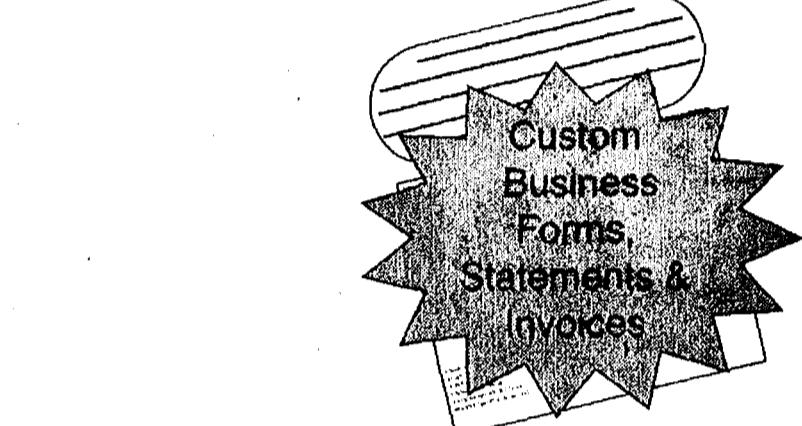
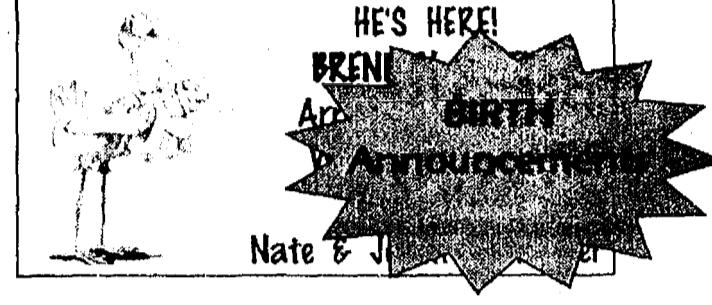
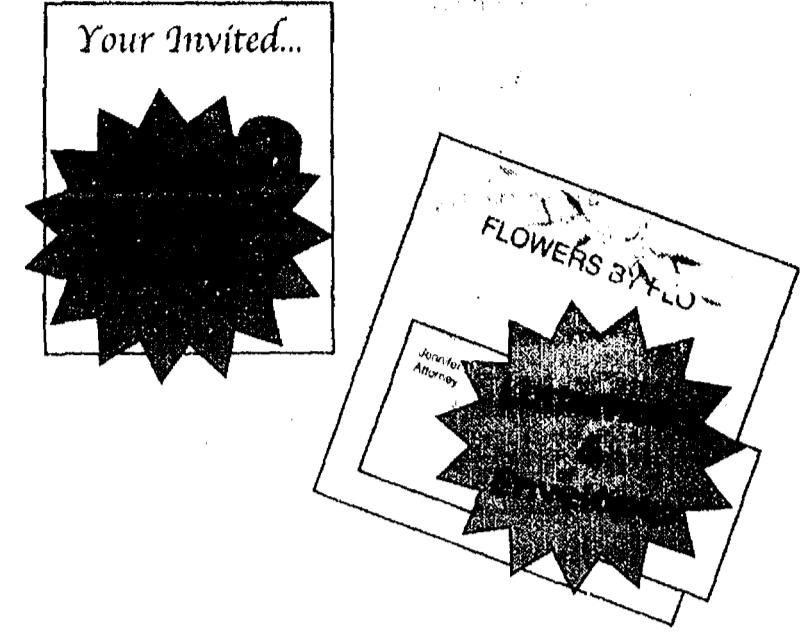
Mst. Sgt. Tim Lamphere Kingsley, who was injured in a

mortar attack in June, was awarded the Purple Heart at the homecoming ceremony for the 507th Engineer Battalion.

The 32 engineers of Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion, co-located in Ironwood and Iron River, returned to Iron River on Friday. The 40 members of the Ishpeming-based 107th Engineer Battalion, also returned on Friday after serving in Iraq.

Today, approximately 1,900 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe, at locations such as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Bosnia. Since Sept. 11, 2001, 65 percent of the Michigan Guard has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; however, as Michigan troops serve the nation, more than 80 percent of the Michigan Guard remains available and ready to respond to a state emergency including a terrorist event.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

**ROSCOMMON** - Firebirds Tony Brown and Sal Kabara and Lady Firebirds Chelsey Williams and Nadia Blake were named to their respective men's and women's all-tournament teams at the culmination of the Great North Tournament, which was hosted by Kirtland over the Dec. 16-17 weekend.

The tournament brought three women's and four men's teams together for non-stop basketball action at the CRAF Center in Roscommon with the Firebirds men's team going 1-1 over the weekend, and the Lady Firebirds sustaining two losses in one tiring day.

Brown is a 6'1" Kirtland freshman from Battle Creek. He led the Firebirds in scoring during the tournament, dropping in 26 points in Kirtland's 94-86 first-round loss to Lakeland CC (Kirtland, Ohio), then netting 32 points in the Firebirds' 120-98 win over Lewis College of Business (Detroit) in the consolation game on Saturday.

Kabara, a 6'6" freshman from the Central African Republic, often leads the Firebirds in scoring and rebounds. He dropped in 30 points in KCC's consolation win.

For the women, Williams, 6'1", from Houghton Lake, and Blake, 5'7", from Toronto, both freshmen, were essential to the Lady Firebirds' defensive success, with Williams pulling down 18 rebounds in their game against Lakeland's women's team, and Blake nabbing 3 steals against Genesee CC (Batavia, N.Y.).

### Women's Team

When Sinclair Community College of Dayton, Ohio, backed out of the tournament due to the weather, the second Great North Tournament was left with only three women's teams - Kirtland, Lakeland, and Genesee. Kirtland coach Teresa Stuck rose to the challenge, however, volunteering her team to play in both the consolation and championship rounds on the second day of the tournament in order to make it a contest.

The one women's game to be played on Friday saw Lakeland (7-3 overall pre-tournament) take a spirited 61-60 defeat at the hands of No. 2-in-the-nation Genesee (8-0).

On Saturday, Kirtland (6-4 pre-tournament) took a 79-71 loss to Lakeland at 2 p.m. in the consolation round, then gave it their best shot in a 76-58 loss to Genesee at 6 p.m. in the championship.

"To play two collegiate games in one day is unheard of," Stuck said of her situation. "It's hard to play on back-to-back days, let alone with seven players."

But that's exactly how the ball bounced and the Lady Firebirds rose to the challenge.

"Wow - I am so proud of the heart in these girls," said Stuck. "They gave everything they had against two very tough teams this weekend. We competed with some of the best teams in the nation at our level and if we continue to work, improve, and play as hard as we are - we will be there in March."

In their loss to the Lakeland Lakers, the Firebirds' Rena Barnett, a freshman from LeRoy, led her team with 25 points, shooting 10 for 18. She added 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Williams gathered another double double, the first since her ankle injury, knocking

in 18 points and 18 rebounds.

Blake contributed 10 points and pulled down 5 big boards and 2 steals, while Emily Henion (freshman, Frederic) and Emilee Bruner (sophomore, Mio) combined for 17 points.

With just a couple hours between games, the Lady Firebirds then offered fans their most impressive 20-minutes to date, keeping pace with the Genesee Cougars to go into the half of the championship game riding the Cougars' tails, 31-30.

Keeping up the pace through the second half was more than the Firebirds could manage, however, despite the valiant effort put forth.

"This game was much closer than the score reflected," Stuck noted. "We just ran out of gas after 30 minutes. After that point, missed free throws and a few key turnovers due to dead legs really hurt us."

Barnett again led the Firebirds' scoring with 20 points on 7-10 shooting to go with 4 assists. Blake added 11 points and 3 steals. Onica Jones (freshman, Rochester, N.Y.) took 5 charges to add to 8 points and 5 rebounds.

With her team now at 6-6 after a super-tough pre-conference schedule, Stuck is optimistic about the rest of the season and post-season play in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

"This weekend really showed us where we are in the nation," Stuck said. "It was an opportunity to match up against top competition and figure out what we need to work on in the next two months of conference play to be ready for the national tournament. This tournament was a measuring stick for the direction our program is heading and where it fits in the nation."

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Freshman point guard Rena Barnett put out nearly 40 minutes of nonstop basketball for the Kirtland Lady Firebirds and dropped in a team-high 18 points to lead her team to a 75-65 victory over the Lake Michigan College Indians on Saturday, Dec. 10. This was the Firebirds' fourth straight win of the season, played before a home crowd at the CRAF Center.

Barnett was by no means a one-woman show, however.

"This was another team victory," said Firebirds head coach Teresa Stuck, who is in her second season with the Firebirds and is happy with the improvements her team is making in pre-conference play this year.

They now have a 6-4 record, despite being short-handed for one reason or another most of the season.

"Due to only having six and one-half players this game, we really had to adjust not only our game plan tonight, but our style of play," Stuck said after Saturday's game. "The team responded tremendously well, however. We successfully played two defenses we had never practiced and the girls made it work. This preseason has really helped the depth of our team."

It's also helped their conditioning as none of them get much bench time.

Barnett, who is from LeRoy, and Emily Henion, of Frederic, the other freshman point guard, both played well against the Indians.

"They not only took care of the ball and led us in scoring

and assists, but chased around LMC's deadly shooters all night," Stuck noted. "They played nearly 40 minutes at both ends and never showed it."

Barnett also contributed 5 rebounds and 5 assists. Henion scored 13 points while dishing out 8 assists, grabbing 8 rebounds, and snatching 4 steals.

Natalie Foster, a freshman from Houghton Lake, hit three big 3-point shots in a row for the Firebirds to finish with 12 points. Freshman Onica Jones (Rochester, N.Y.) added 11 points and 3 boards, while Meghan Bastian (sophomore, Hale), Emily Bruner (sophomore, Mio) and Chelsey Williams (freshman, Houghton Lake) rounded out the scoring with 9, 8 and 3 points, respectively.

"Our team is really growing up fast," Stuck added. "When they cut the lead to 6 points after being up by 20, they remained calm like a veteran team and pulled back away. We have also improved remarkably in taking care of the ball. We had a season low of 15 turnovers tonight - less than half the number than when we started the season."

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Coach Stuck actually left the court with a smile after the Lady Firebirds' 62-49 win over Albion College on Thursday, Dec. 8, which saw one of her few sophomores, Meghan Bastian, drop in a team-high 25 points.

Meghan Bastian sparked us offensively," said coach Stuck. "She had 14 points in the first five minutes of the game, and added 5 rebounds by the end of the night."

But offense doesn't win a game and Stuck has been working hard on the Firebirds' defensive tactics.

"Our half-court defense was amazing tonight," Stuck was proud to note, highlighted by the fact the Firebirds held Albion to just 4 points during the first 10 minutes of the second half, all the while increasing their lead.

Rena Barnett scored 11 points and contributed 7 boards and 5 assists for the Firebirds. "She really looked for her shot tonight, something we will continue to need her to do," Stuck said.

Onica Jones also stepped up after her best week of practice so far this year, contributing 10 points and 7 boards. Emily Henion once again contributed in many ways without scoring - she tallied 9 assists, 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Firebirds out-rebounded a bigger team by 17 boards and had their second consecutive game with a positive team assist/turnover ratio.

"Our team is really starting to come together and gel," Stuck said. "It has been fun to watch a new person blossom each game. We are going to be a hard team to prepare to play because we have so many different weapons."

### Men's Team

Winners in first-round men's basketball action in the Great North Tournament on Friday were Kellogg CC (91-76 over Lewis College of Business) and Lakeland (94-88 vs. Kirtland).

Three Firebirds were in double digits against the Lakers - Brown with 26 points, Juandrell Lewis (sophomore, Detroit) with 20, and Dave Allison

(sophomore, Lapeer) with 16.

The loss pushed the Firebirds into the consolation round on Saturday against Lewis College in which they took an early and significant lead and never looked back. Brown dropped in the 32 points for the Firebirds in the contest, followed by Kabara with 30, Allison with 17 and Demarvelous Carter (sophomore, Flint) with 10.

The long weekend ended with the Kellogg Bruins taking the men's tournament championship by defeating Lakeland in the final game of the weekend, 97-95. Kellogg's Cory Broyles, a 5'10" sophomore from Benton Harbor, was named Most Valuable Player in the men's bracket, while his teammate, Jordan Cunningham, as well as Rick Leisure and Greg Wallace from the Lakeland team, joined Kirtland's Brown and Kabara on the All-Tournament Team.

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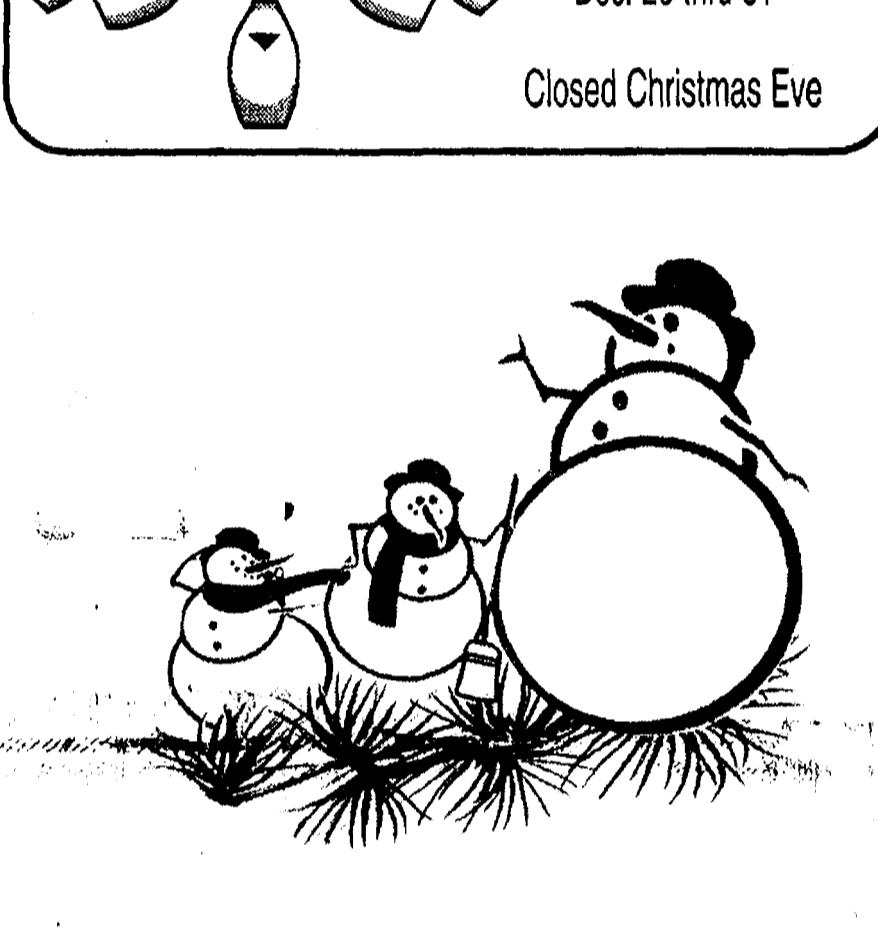
The Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community  
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(989) 348-2801



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We've got a lot to celebrate including your valuable patronage. Our best holiday wishes to you!

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takes a lot of time and effort from a combined group of people to bring The Crawford County Avalanche to you everyday. And we all want to take a moment to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and the happiest new year!

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Pam Engel  
Dan Sanderson  
Skip Koser  
Sheryl Bidwell

Deb St. Venant  
Caleb Casey  
Carrie Hellbrough  
Sarah Gabrick  
Shelly Quinton

It's been a pleasure to serve you this past year, and we look for 365 new opportunities in 2006!

From everyone at  
**Happy Holidays**

### GENTLY FALLS THE SNOW

We have enjoyed serving you. Rain or shine, ice or snow, we want you to know how important you are to us. Thanks to you and best wishes for happiness in the coming year.

Westside Diner  
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Grayling

## LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, we'd like to extend our warm wishes to each and every one of you. Our New Neighbors and Friends.

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Wishing you a good measure of happiness and a large dose of cheer to last throughout the entire year! Merry Christmas and many thanks to all our valued customers.

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# HOLIDAY WISHES

## Greetings of the Season

As we wrap up another year, we'd like to wish our friends everywhere, a very happy holiday season filled with lots of warm wishes and wonderful surprises. Thank you so much for your loyal support.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us at

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## Have A Vintage Season!

Here's hoping your holiday season is a truly memorable one. We know we're filled with fond memories as we recall the many kind people we've had the privilege to serve this year. Merry Christmas!

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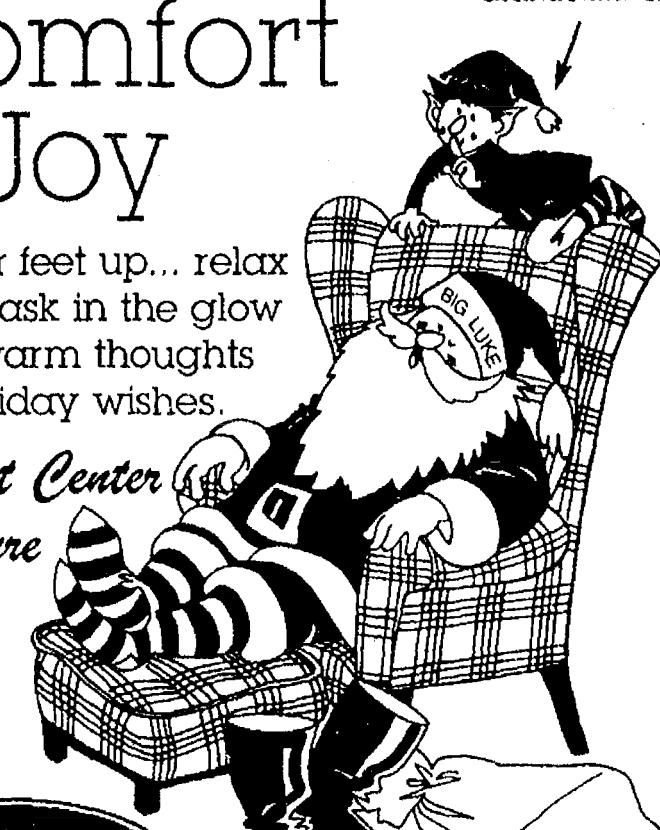
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## Joy To The World

...And best wishes to you, our friends and neighbors. Have a safe, healthy & happy holiday.

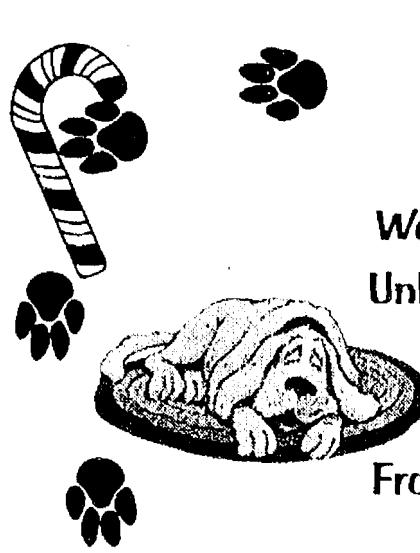
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## Wishing You Peace and Harmony at Christmas Time and Throughout the Year



Pictured: L-R Front: Ron Thomson, Linda Northrop, George Stancil  
L-R Back: Annette Metzer, Tiffanie Stadler, Doronda Klee,  
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We're dreaming of a new shelter, With every tennis ball we chase. May your days be purr-fect and bright. And may we get a new shelter that's just right!



**Merry Christmas And Happy New Year**

From the Animal Shelter of Crawford County

Thank you so much for your support!  
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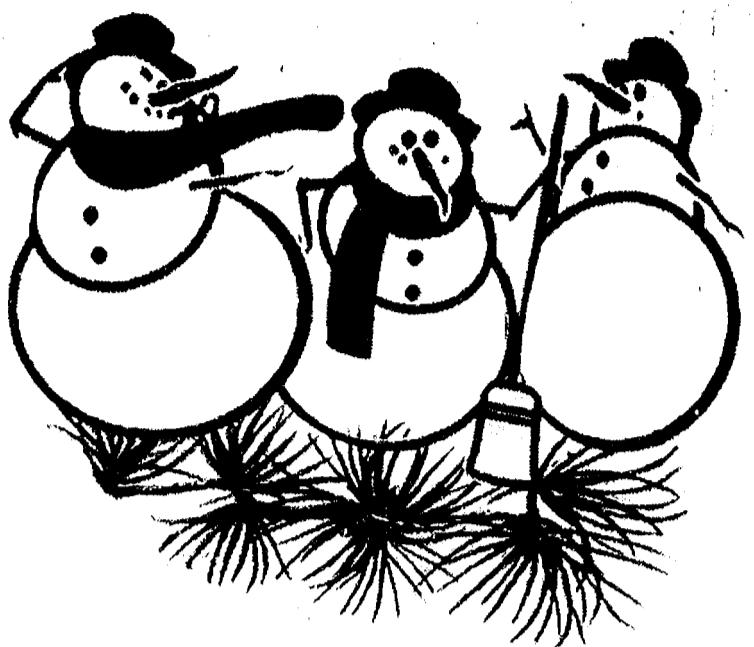
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FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS  
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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We're grateful for your valued business.  
It's been a real pleasure serving you  
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Thursday, December 22, 2005

## Wrestling team opens league schedule with two victories

Vikings defeat Kalkaska, Elk Rapids in home meet at GMS

■ Grayling wins  
39-37 vs. Blazers,  
beats Elks 72-12 on  
Thursday night

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS wrestling squad opened its 2005-06 league schedule in the Lake Michigan Conference with victories over the Kalkaska Blazers and Elk Rapids Elks last Thursday at Grayling Middle School.

In the first match of the night, Kalkaska defeated Elk Rapids 60-18.

Grayling then wrestled against the Elks.

The Vikings forfeited the 112-pound weight class. At 119, Cody Verlinde pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in the first round. Stephen Grove (125) and Shane Grove (135) pinned their opponents in the first round and Eric Goscicki (130) won by forfeit. Matt Haight won the 140-pound division with a pin in the third round.

Cody Malone (145), Corey Metzer (152), and Jeff Bancroft (160) all won their matches vs. Elk Rapids by pin in the first round. Jacob Reynolds (171) pinned his opponent in the second round. James Walker (189), Joey Ferrigan (215), and Bill Stewart (heavyweight) pinned their Elk Rapids counterparts in the first round. The Elks won the last match (103) by pin.

Grayling won the series by a final score of 72-12.

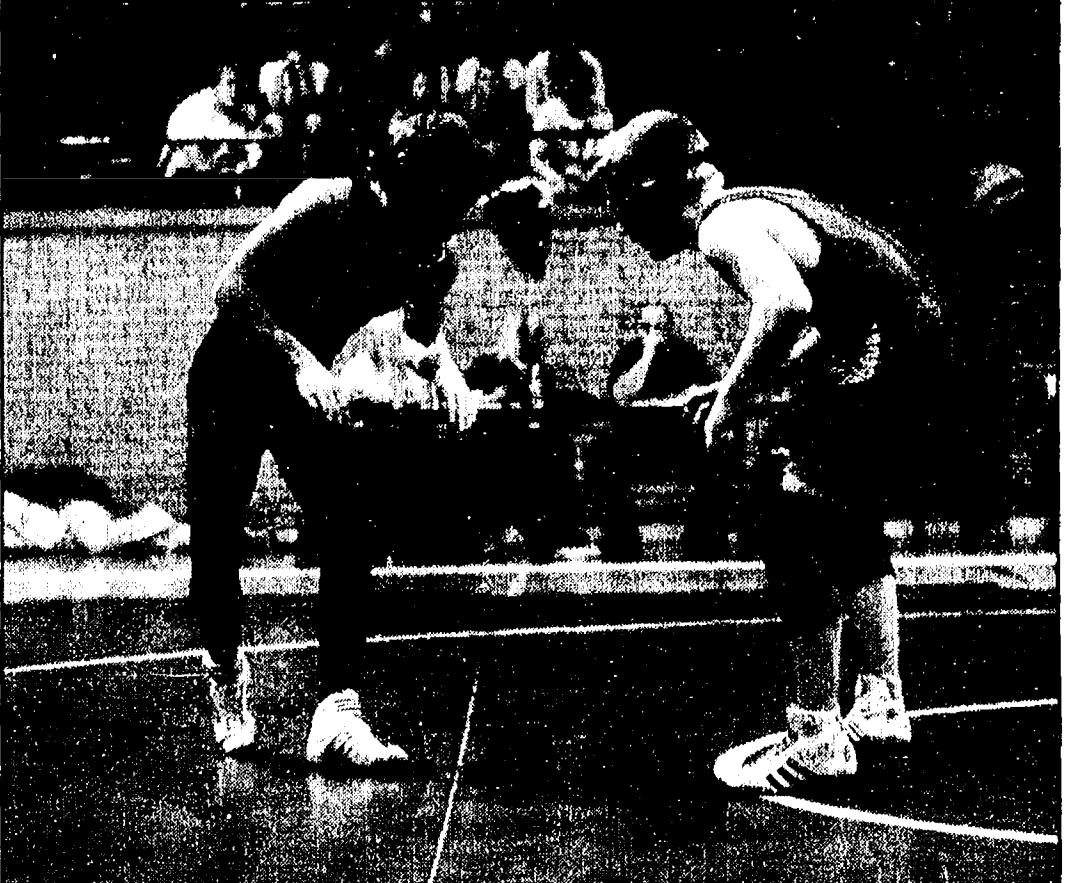
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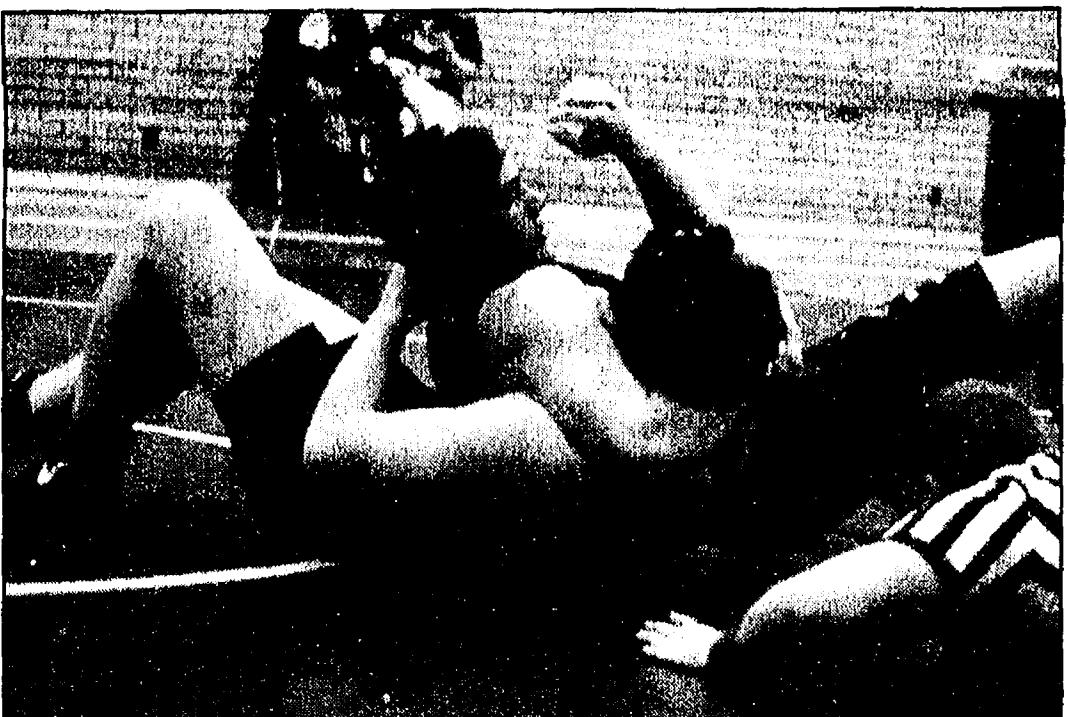


Photos by Caleb Casey

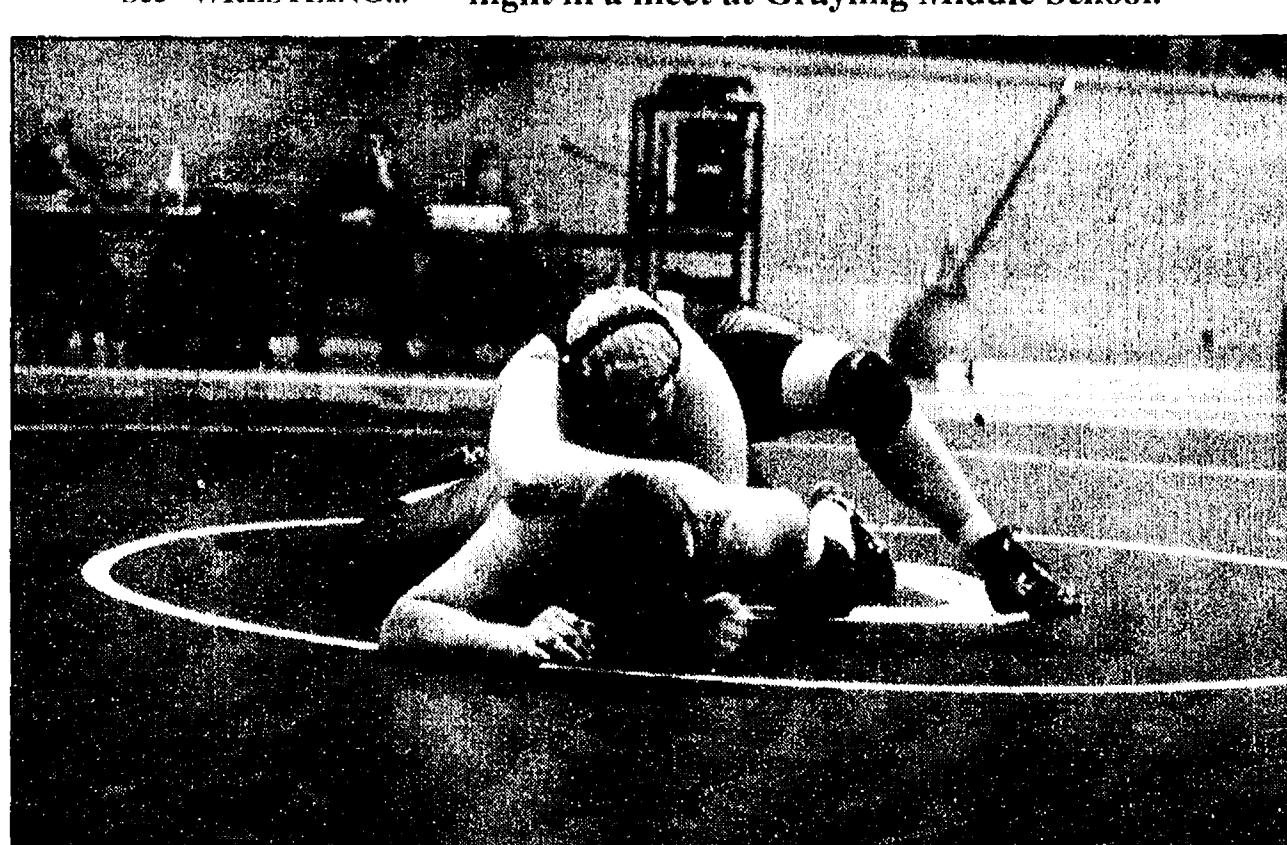
Jacob Reynolds (171) wrestles against Elk Rapids on Thursday night in a meet at Grayling Middle School.



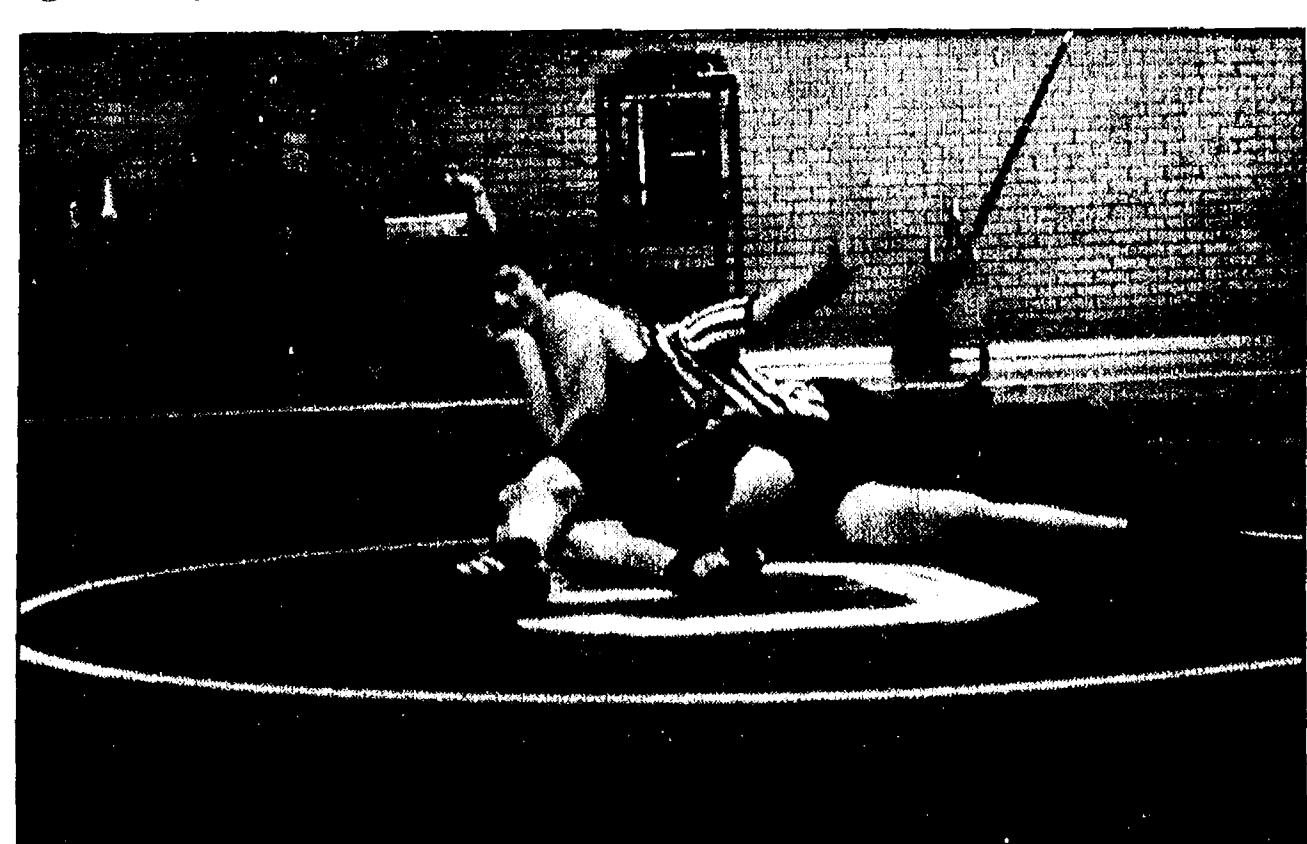
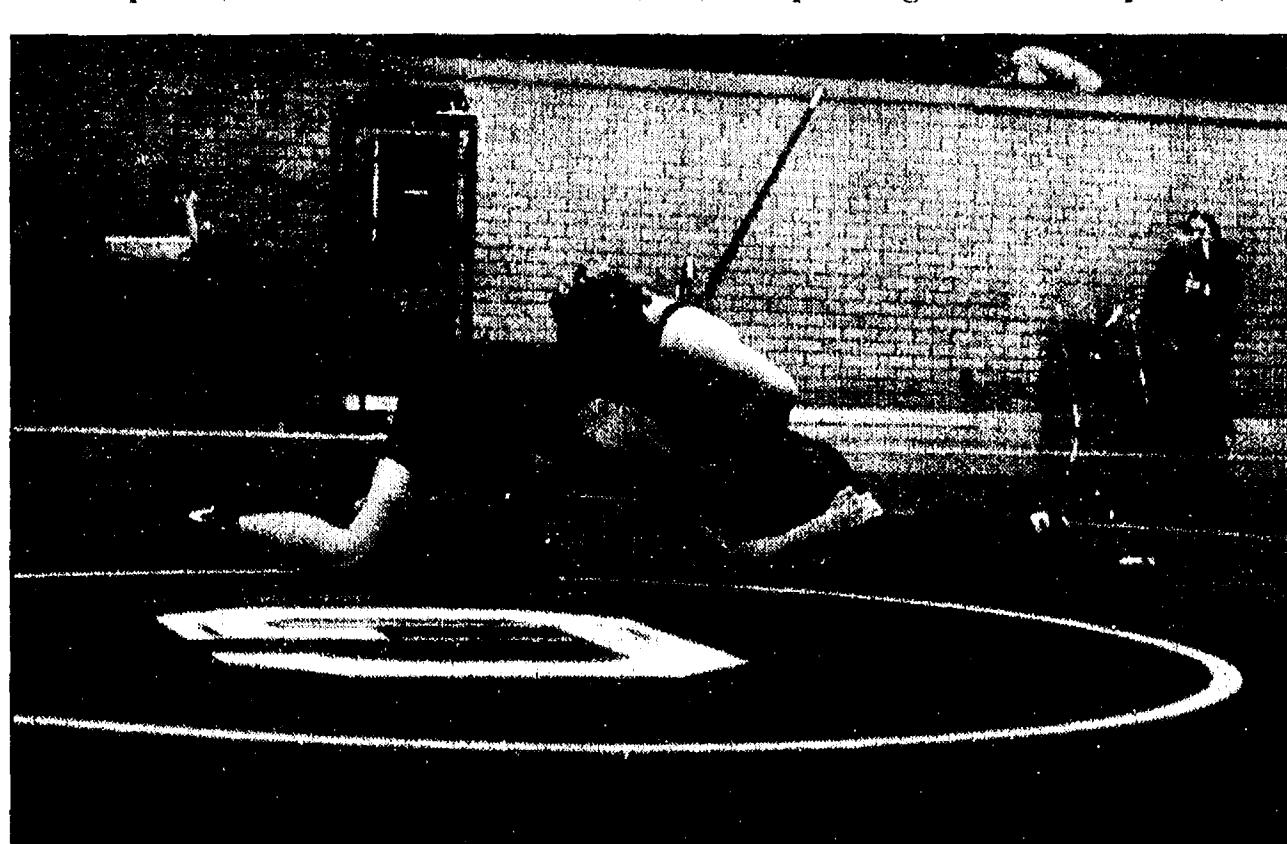
Cody Verlinde (119) faces a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday.



James Walker (189) tries for a pin against Elk Rapids.



(Above left) Bill Stewart wrestles against his Kalkaska counterpart in the heavyweight division on Thursday. (Above right) Joey Ferrigan (215) goes for a pin vs. Elk Rapids. (Below left) Shane Grove (135) competes against Elk Rapids. (Below right) Corey Metzer (152) wrestles an Elk Rapids opponent.



# HOLIDAY WISHES

## In the Holiday Tradition...

We're taking this time to say "thanks" for doing business with us. We're pleased to have you as customers and proud to call you our friends.

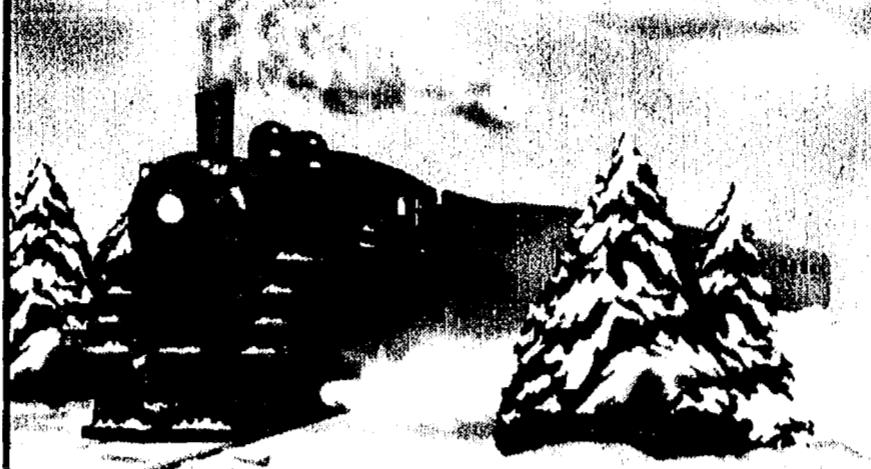
Have a merry Christmas!

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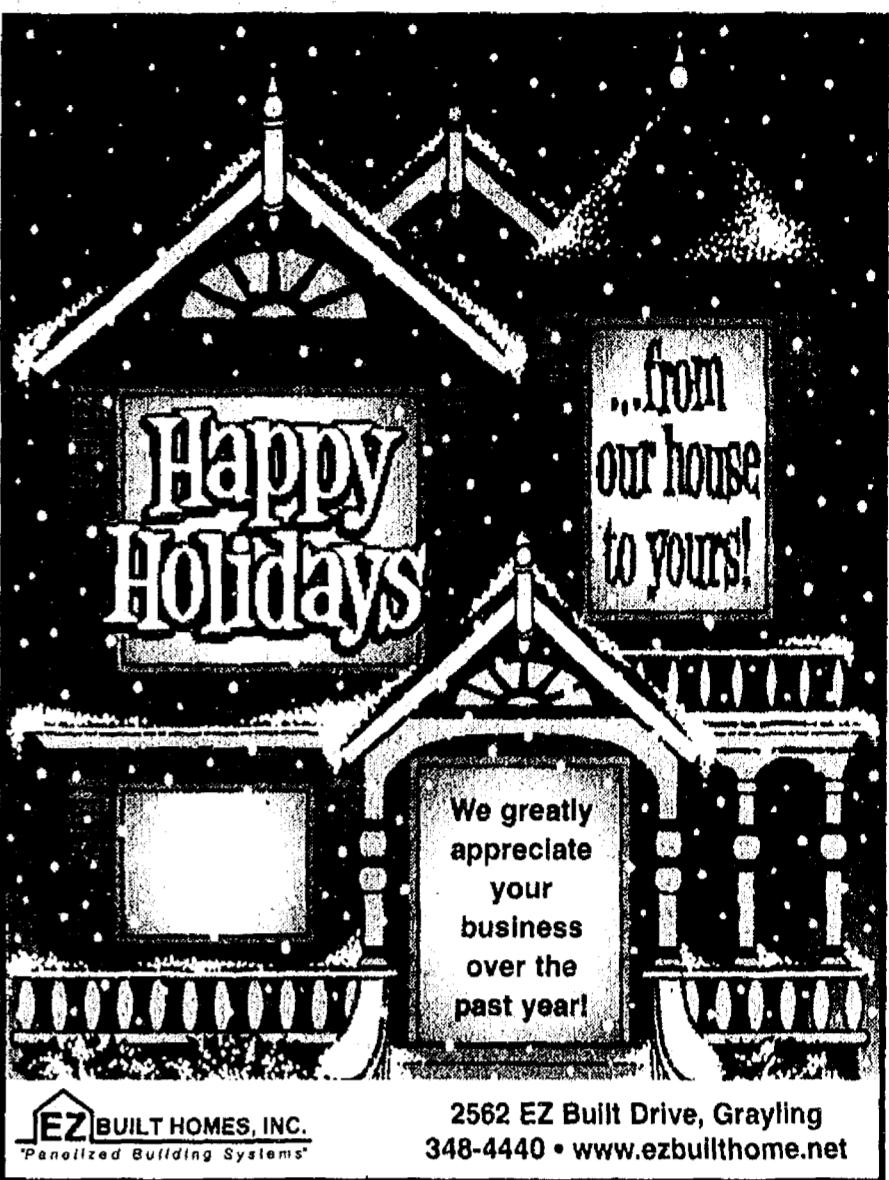
## Next Stop, Christmas!



Although everyone here is going full-steam to get ready for the best holiday season, ever, we'd like to stop and express our gratitude to each and every one of you. Have a great holiday!



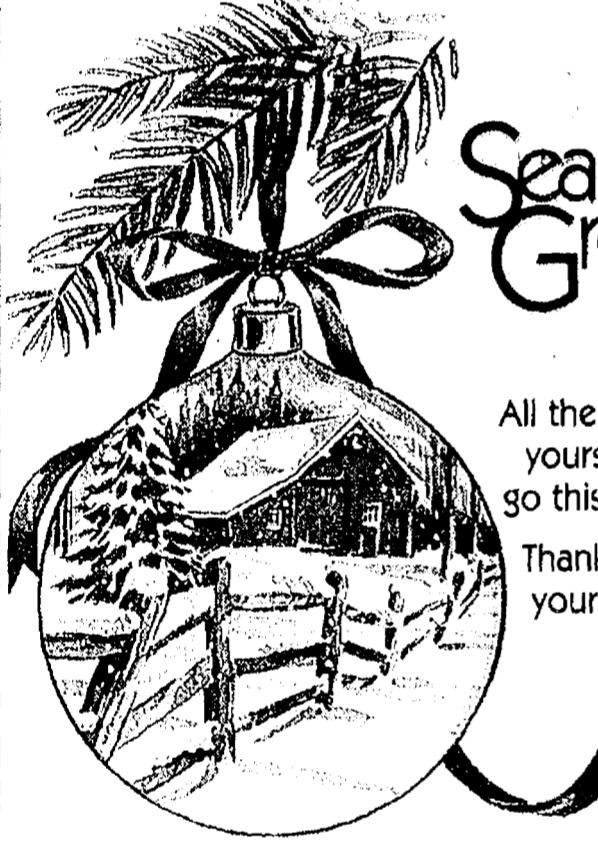
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Heads Up North

## Best Holiday Wishes

Thank you for being one of our most valued customers.  
We wish you all the happiness of the season, and hope your holidays are spent joyfully and in good company.

It's been a real privilege serving you this year. We look forward to your continued patronage in the new year.

Don, Dev, Jeff  
and the entire staff of

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## STEP LIVELY... IT'S CHRISTMAS!

In this season of revelry, we'd like to cut in and extend our best wishes to our many neighbors, associates and friends who've given us much cause for celebration this year.  
Thanks for your business!

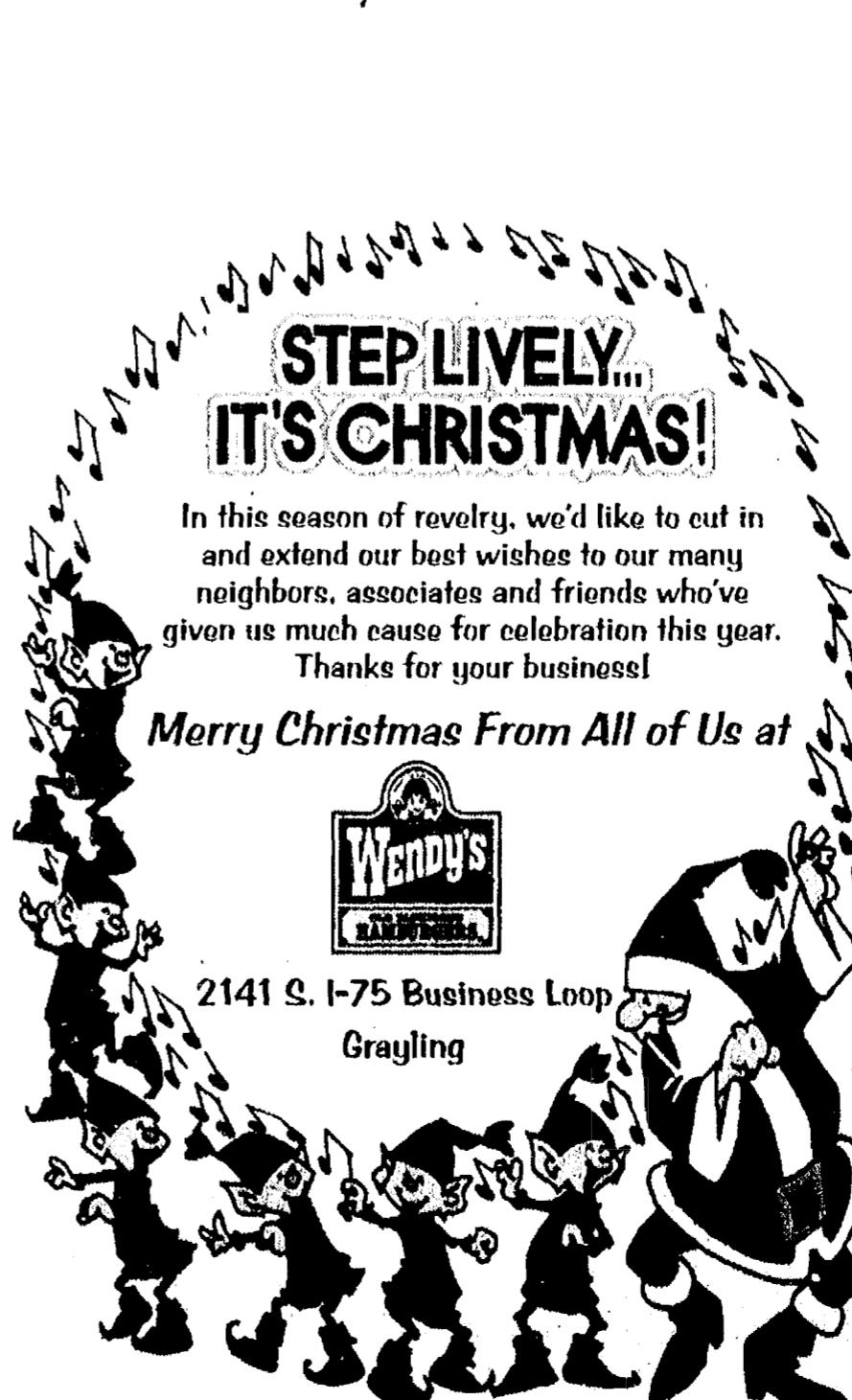
Merry Christmas From All of Us at



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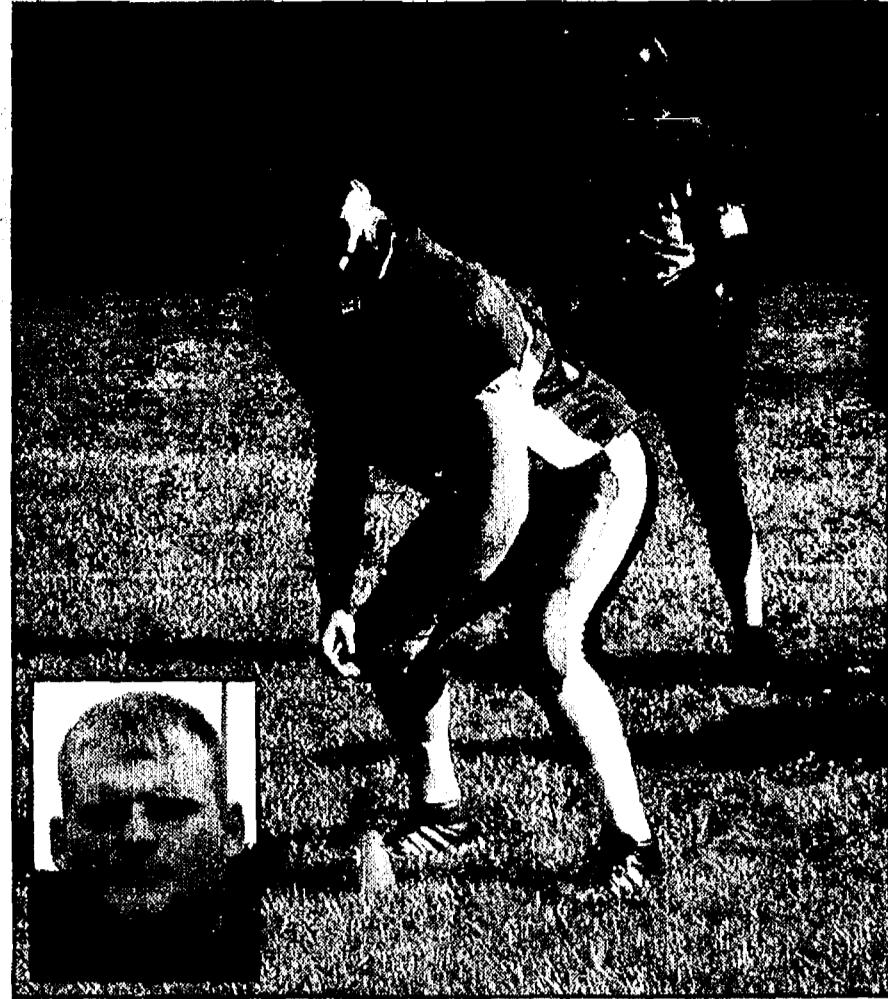
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**PEACE.  
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Wishing you all the ingredients of a memorable and happy holiday season.

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Zac Baker (All-Conference First Team, Defensive Most Valuable Player, Captain Award)



Matt Larson (All-Conference First Team, Michael Goodrich Award, Captain Award)

## Nine Viking players earn all-league honors for football

Brock named Region 2 coach of the year

### ■ Grayling players set new records for passing, rushing, and receiving in 2005

Dream Team, and was a Great Eight Awards finalist. Joey Bancroft was also named to the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Team.

The Vikings handed out team awards in the following five categories:

Offensive Most Valuable Player(s) - VanNuck, Joey Bancroft;

Defensive Most Valuable Player - Baker;

BAHUNA Award - Jeff Bancroft;

Michael Goodrich Award - Matt Larson;

Captain Award - VanNuck, Baker, Larson.

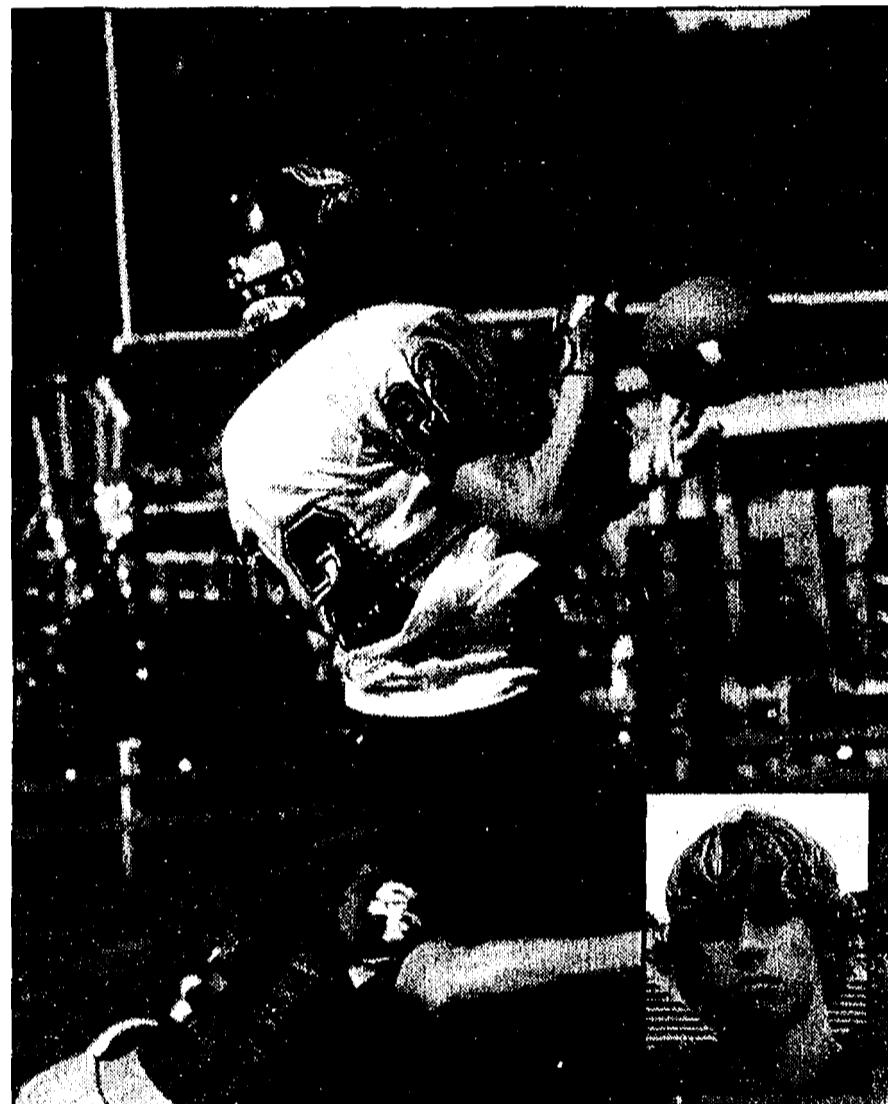
Individually, three Vikings set new school records for passing, receiving, and rushing in 2005. VanNuck broke the school record for receiving yards in a season with 1,185 and receptions in a season with 57. Jeff Bancroft's 1,536 passing yards set a new school record. Joey Bancroft broke the Grayling High School record for both rushing yards (1,557) and rushing touchdowns (21).

Nine Vikings received all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference this year: first team - Eli VanNuck, Joey Bancroft, Jeff Bancroft, Zac Baker, Matt Larson; honorable mention - Zach Dean, Bobby Feutz, Nick Parkinson, Reagan Schmidt.

VanNuck also was an AP all-state honorable mention and a

*Detroit Free Press* all-state honorable mention. He was named to the *Bay City Times* Dream Team, the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

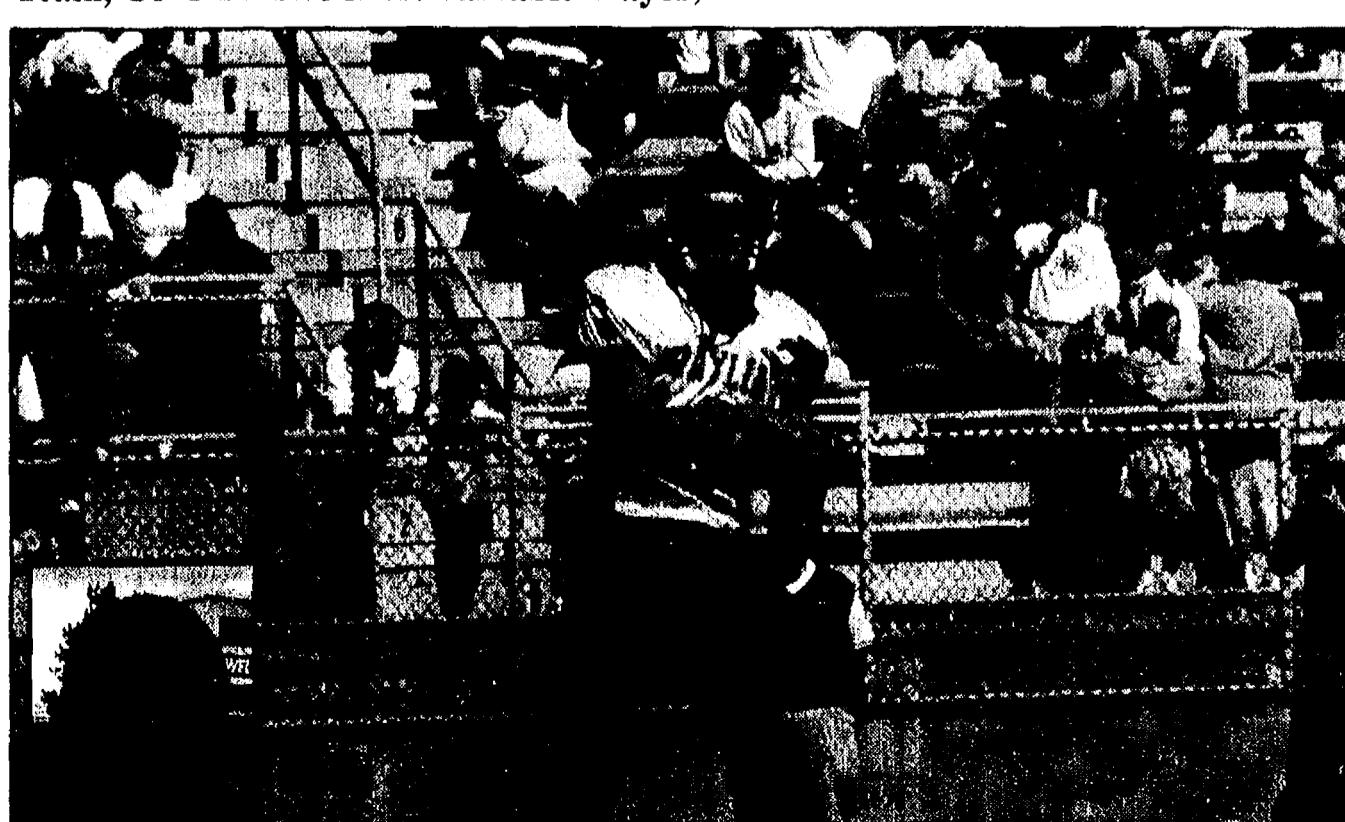
and the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*



Eli VanNuck (AP all-state honorable mention, *Detroit Free Press* all-state honorable mention, *Bay City Times* Dream Team, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* Dream Team, Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player, Captain Award, All-Conference First Team)



Joey Bancroft (All-Conference First Team, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Team, Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player)



Jeff Bancroft (All-Conference First Team, BAHUNA Award)

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## UPDATED SCHEDULE... IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kirtland Community College announces its Workforce Development Training Calendar for 2005-2006. These courses are designed to help employees in all types of businesses upgrade their skills, and would-be employees lay a foundation for future employment.

### Workforce Development Training Calendar 2005 – 2006

#### Computer Classes

| Course                                        | Dates   | Location    |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| QuickBooks - Level 1                          | Nov. 22 | West Branch |
|                                               | Jan. 18 | Gaylord     |
| QuickBooks - Level 2                          | Nov. 29 | West Branch |
|                                               | Jan. 19 | Gaylord     |
| MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2                       | May 16  | West Branch |
|                                               | June 13 | Gaylord     |
| MS Excel - Levels 3 & 4                       | May 18  | West Branch |
|                                               | June 15 | Gaylord     |
| Downloading Digital Pictures to your Computer | Dec 7   | Gaylord     |

#### Management and Leadership Classes

| Course                        | Dates   | Location    |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Leadership Styles             | Feb 9   | West Branch |
|                               | Feb 7   | Gaylord     |
| Managing Conflict             | April 4 | West Branch |
|                               | April 6 | Gaylord     |
| Building Effective Work Teams | May 2   | West Branch |
|                               | May 4   | Gaylord     |

#### Job Skills Training

| Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Dates          | Location    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| EPA Refrigerant Certification                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Feb. 17, 18    | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mar. 17, 18    | Gaylord     |
| Builders' Estimating Class I                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Dec. 13        | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dec. 19        | Gaylord     |
| Builders' Estimating Class 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mar. 7         | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mar. 14        | Gaylord     |
| Industrial Hygiene for the Safety Professional                                                                                                                                                                                              | Dec. 15        | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dec. 20        | Gaylord     |
| Electrical Code Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mar. 9         | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mar. 16        | Gaylord     |
| Check website for latest class location and times.<br>Schedule subject to change without notice.<br><a href="http://mtec.kirtland.edu/WorkforceTraining/WrkDevCourses.htm">http://mtec.kirtland.edu/WorkforceTraining/WrkDevCourses.htm</a> | Dec. 2&3       | West Branch |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dec. 6, 7, & 8 | Gaylord     |

For More Information Contact:

Mark McCullum, Director of Workforce Development

M-TEC @ Kirtland Gaylord

60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

989-705-3600

[mccullum@kirtland.edu](mailto:mccullum@kirtland.edu)

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# HOLIDAY WISHES



## A Holiday Prescription

Take a large dose of good cheer, mix with several friends and family, and have a happy, healthy Christmas! Thank you for choosing us.

The Medicine Shoppe

"Not a creature was stirring..."

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season. It's really great having you for our friends.

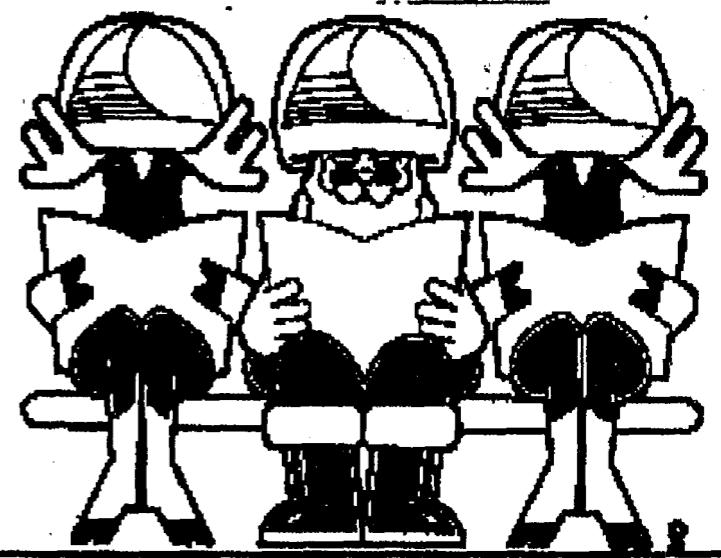
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## Merry Christmas!

To all of our friends and patrons we say thanks! Celebrate in style!

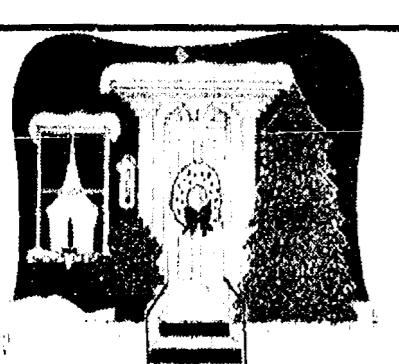
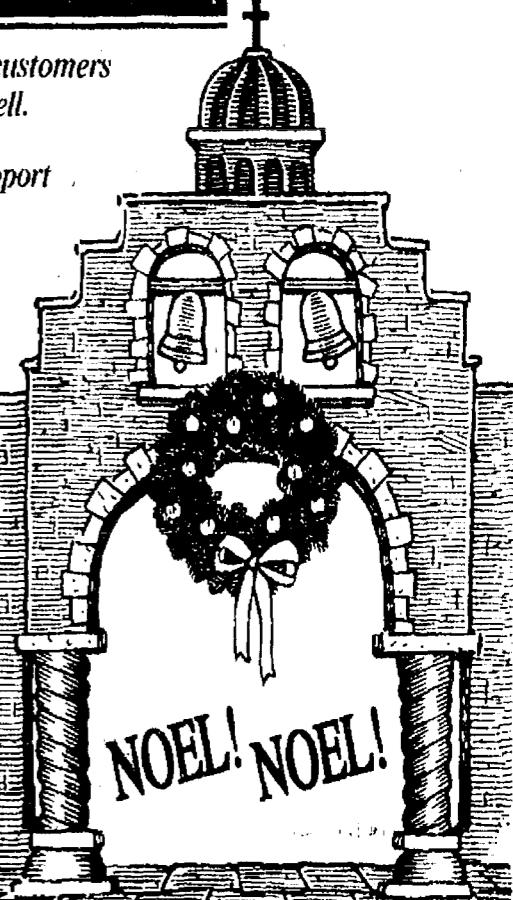
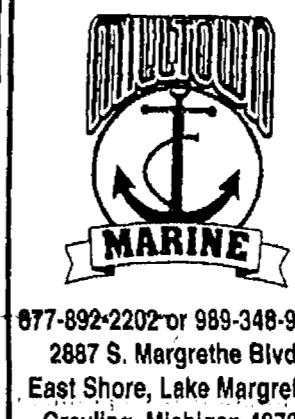
### A Cut Above



Having good friends and customers like you really rings our bell.

Thanks for your loyal support throughout this past year.

We look forward to your continued visits and wish you all a very happy holiday season!



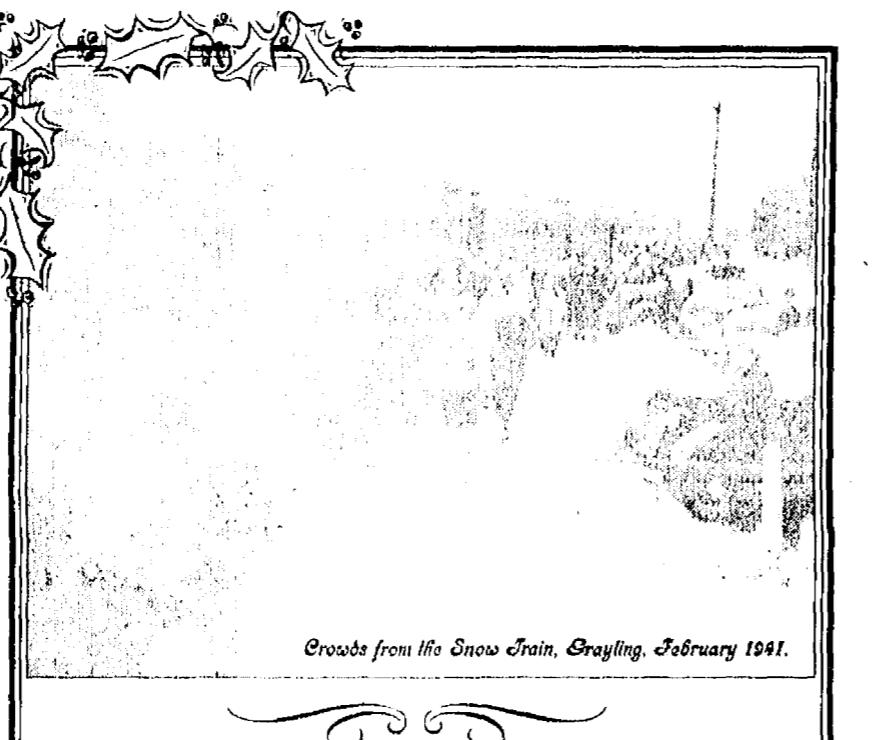
## All The Best!

It may be cold outside, but our warmest wishes are with you on this joyous occasion.

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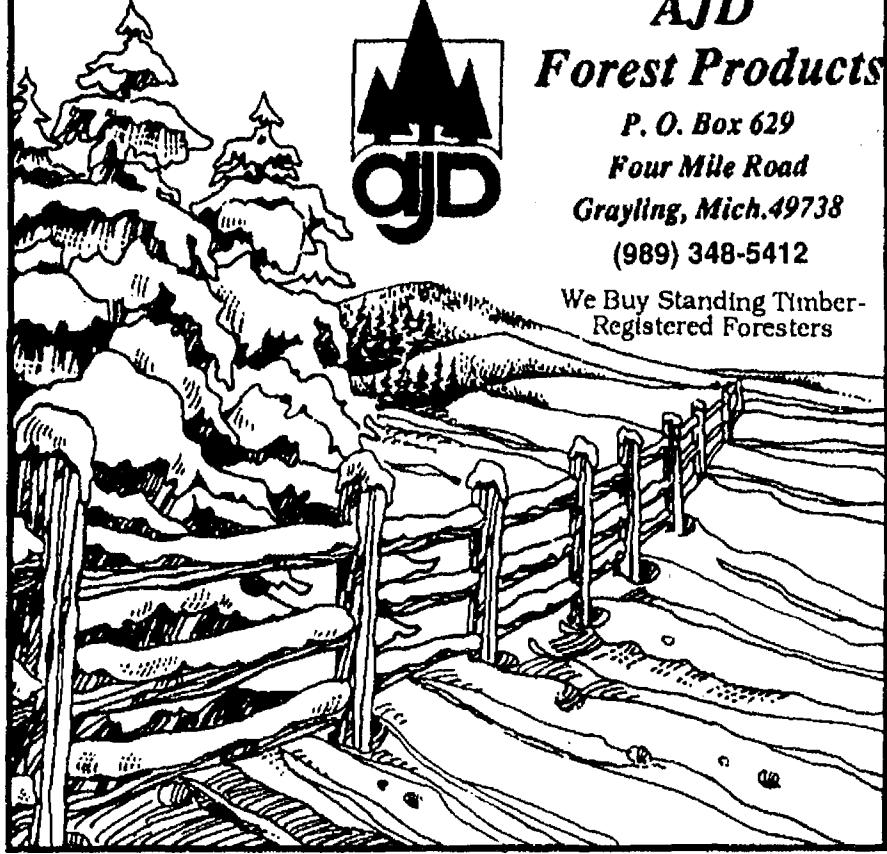
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# HOLIDAY WISHES!

## Peace On Earth

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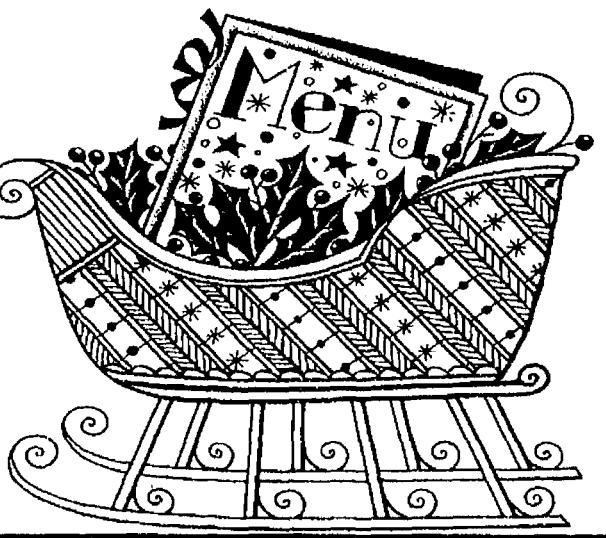
...For a fun-filled holiday season.  
Thanks, friends!

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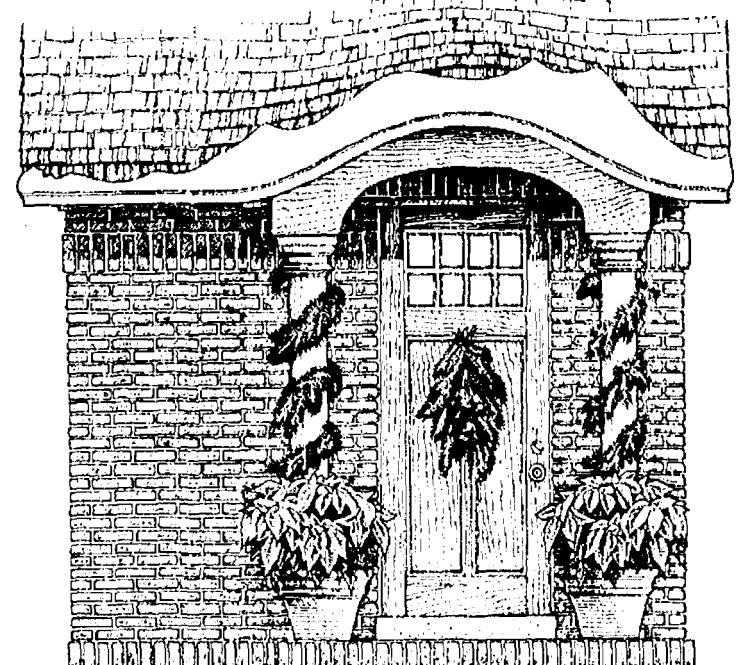
## Season's Greetings from all of us to all of you

We're serving up an extra order of thanks for our many dear patrons and friends. Serving you is always a treat for us.  
Merry Christmas!

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS

In the spirit of the season, we wish you and your family a happy, healthy holiday filled with lots of good food, good friends and good news.

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# JV volleyball team hosts Boyne City, TCSF in season opener

## ■ Grayling falls to Gladiators and Ramblers 2-1 in two three-game series

Grayling High School's JV girls volleyball team opened its 2005-06 season with a home meet vs. Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis last Monday. The Vikings lost both series two games to one.

Against Boyne, the Ramblers won the first match 25-18 and Grayling took the second contest 25-14. Boyne City won the third game 15-12.

In the series vs. TCSF, the Gladiators won the first match 25-18 and GHS took the second game 25-23. Traverse City St. Francis won the rubber match 15-7.

"There are some things we need to work on. We played well, especially for our first match, but this team has so much potential and I can wait for everything to come together," Coach Arica D'Amour said. "Our serving and serve receive are what hurt us. We need to pass to the setter so we can attack the ball. We can't continuously give the other team free balls to attack at us."

Serving leaders for Grayling included Rachel Doremire (13

for 13 with 3 aces), Rachel Ward (13 for 14 with 3 aces), and Tiffany Davis (14 for 14 with 1 ace). Monica Peters finished with 12 attacks. Annie Melroy and Ward had 8 digs apiece. Jamie Hagerman had 3 blocks, Renee Clair had 2 blocks, Shentel Apps had 2 blocks, Peters had 1, and Melroy had 1.

"Rachel Ward, Rachel Doremire, and Tiffany Davis did a great job at keeping us in games with their serving. All three middle attackers/blockers - Renee Clair, Jamie Hagerman, and Shentel Apps - did well on the net with blocking and hitting," Coach D'Amour said. "Monica Peters did amazing at the net with 12 attacks. Jessie (Baker)'s sets were right on. Our serve receive needs improvement but scrappers Rachel Ward and Annie Melroy had great digs to set up plays."

The GHS freshman volleyball team also hosted TCSF and Boyne City on Monday. Traverse City St. Francis won the series vs. Grayling 2-1. The Vikings lost two close games vs. Boyne City 20-25, 21-25.

The Vikings do not play again until after the holiday break. GHS has a meet at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 5.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Rachel Doremire hits the ball during last Monday's JV volleyball match vs. Boyne City.



Shentel Apps (left) hits the ball for the JV squad on Monday night. Samantha Schreiber (center) plays for the GHS freshman team vs. Boyne City. Kayla Hawes (right) sets for the freshman squad on Monday.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Friday Mixed Doubles

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| New "Kids" .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3 - 1 |
| Lucky & Laura's .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3 - 1 |
| IMM. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3 - 1 |
| Moshier Auto Repair .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 - 3 |
| American Legion .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 - 3 |
| Double Trouble .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0 - 4 |
| High Series Men: P. Benardo, 573; D. Williamson, 557; D. Burger, 531. High Game Men: P. Benardo, 217; D. Williamson, 216, D. Burger, 205. High Series Women: M. Moshier, 521; C. Osborne, 491; P. Benardo, 475; High Game Women: M. Moshier, 191; K. Moshier, 184; P. Benardo, 179. |       |

Benardo, 549; T. Harney, 506. High Game: M. Starks, 221; T. Benardo, 204; D. Mead, 195.

### Senior Bowling

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Flowers By Josie ..... | 36.5 - 23.5 |
| Kicking Grass .....    | 35 - 25     |
| Spike's .....          | 35 - 25     |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Stitches By Sue .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 30 - 30     |
| Bear's Den Pizza .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 28 - 32     |
| Lone Pine .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 27 - 33     |
| Grayling Pharmacy .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 25.5 - 34.5 |
| Sylvesters Sports .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 23 - 37     |
| High Series Women: C. Clark, 499; H. Stairs, 464; S. Barber, 438. High Game Women: C. Clark, 184; H. Stairs, 166; M. Ryss, 162. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 569; L. Crampton, 554; A. Smith, 541. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 232; L. Crampton, 201; A. Smith, 200. |             |

### American Men's League

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Grayling Chiropractic ..... | 35 - 14 |
| Scheer Motors .....         | 32 - 17 |
| Fenton's Auto Serv. ....    | 30 - 19 |

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| McLeans ACE ..... | 24 - 25 |
| Canfield's .....  | 21 - 28 |
| Dervich Ind ..... | 20 - 29 |

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| Moore's Auto .....                                                                                                                | 18 - 31 |
| GADCO .....                                                                                                                       | 16 - 33 |
| High Series: Lance Davis, 649; D. Henning, 643; Larry Davis, 600. High Game: Larry Davis, 258; Lance Davis, 246; D. Henning, 245. |         |

### National First

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| J- Bar .....              | 68 - 30 |
| Scott Pittman Bld. ....   | 64 - 34 |
| Chemical Bank .....       | 29 - 23 |
| Cal Dutton Const. ....    | 28 - 24 |
| Grayling Restaurant ..... | 27 - 25 |
| Spicy Bob's .....         | 25 - 27 |

### Pioneer League

|                                                                                                                         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| McDonald's .....                                                                                                        | 36 - 16 |
| Hawk Ridge .....                                                                                                        | 1 - 3   |
| Coldwell Banker .....                                                                                                   | 1 - 3   |
| Gr. Nursing Center .....                                                                                                | 1 - 3   |
| High Series: M. Starks, 566; T. Benardo, 549; T. Harney, 506. High Game: M. Starks, 221; T. Benardo, 204; D. Mead, 195. |         |

### Recreation League

|                                                                                                                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Mickey Perez, CPA .....                                                                                                 | 3 - 1 |
| Woody Girls .....                                                                                                       | 3 - 1 |
| Glen's Market .....                                                                                                     | 3 - 1 |
| Days Inn .....                                                                                                          | 3 - 1 |
| American Legion .....                                                                                                   | 1 - 3 |
| Hawk Ridge .....                                                                                                        | 1 - 3 |
| Coldwell Banker .....                                                                                                   | 1 - 3 |
| Gr. Nursing Center .....                                                                                                | 1 - 3 |
| High Series: M. Starks, 566; T. Benardo, 549; T. Harney, 506. High Game: M. Starks, 221; T. Benardo, 204; D. Mead, 195. |       |

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| Growlers Pub .....                                                                                                                                       | .78 |
| 5 Ball Runs: Cindy and Melonic (Holiday Inn); Sis, 2, (Frederic Inn); Johanna (Legion); Jill (Growlers Pub); and Dee (Sawmill II); 6 Ball Runs: Jill, 2, |     |

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| (Growlers Pub); Deanna (Sawmill II); and Annette (Frederic Inn). Cookie and Johanna (Legion) won all 6 games. |  |
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## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Frederic Inn ..... | .98 |
| Holiday Inn .....  | .85 |
| Sawmill II .....   | .82 |
| Legion .....       | .81 |
| Sawmill I .....    | .80 |

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|--------------------|-----|
| Growlers Pub ..... | .78 |
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There is a change in the Christmas Break Schedule as noted on the school calendar:

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

December 23, 1982

Slowly, like a giant bear, Hanson Hills is waking up from a long winter's slumber. Toward the end of the 70's the park had practically gone into hibernation compared to the use it received during its heyday starting in the early 1930's and hitting its peak in the forties and fifties. This year, park manager Howard Taylor is betting more people will re-discover the recreational area. Some new attractions this year are nine lighted ski slopes, including two back trails.

Grayling brought home its first volleyball trophy in the school's history last weekend taking second in the eight-team Inland Lake Invitational.

After forty years with the Crawford County Road Commission, 28 years in supervisory positions, Norman Feldhauser will be retiring ending a reign that began in July, 1939.

Four fires strike area homes during the week.

A nativity scene owned by Flowers by Josie and displayed at Grayling State Bank brought attention to Grayling when it made regional television newscasts. The scene was made for Bob Cole and Ernie Dawson, owners of Flowers by Josie, by a German company and has a retail value at about \$8,000.

Tex, starring Matt Dillon and Meg Tilly, rated PG is now showing at the Rialto Theatre.

Grayling varsity boys basketball team overcame Cheboygan and Gaylord to stretch their winning streak to three games.

Tim Ferrigan, a 1982 GHS graduate who led the Vikings wrestling team to a third place finish in class C last year, has continued his winning ways at the college level. Ferrigan, a freshman at Muskegon Community College has already posted 12 wins with only three losses to date.

The sixth annual Grayling Snow Bowl football game will be played Sunday, Dec. 26, between two six-man teams led by Gary Fox, of Grayling and Paul McClain, of South Branch Township. The two teams have played the tackle football game for the last five years in conditions ranging from two feet of snow and 10 degree temperatures to mud and rain. The losing team donates money to a charity picked by the winning team.

Grayling wrestlers destroyed Charlevoix 62-8 and then brought home another trophy finishing second at the St. Ignace Invitational.

The Woodside Dining Room at the Grayling Holiday Inn, is advertising a Christmas Day Buffet. The buffet is open from

noon until 9 p.m., cost is \$6.95 for adults and senior citizens and children under 12 \$5.95, under 5 years of age, free.

46 Years Ago

December 24, 1959

Michigan is about to have one of the largest TV production centers in the nation that will create a completely new type of film in the television field. Responding to the requests of democratic statesmen for an ideological answer to Communism, Moral Re-armament begun construction of a TV film studio on Mackinac Island.

At the annual board meeting of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that Leon Rochette and Bob Hayes would represent the chamber at the State Chamber organizational meeting in Lansing.

The Sisters of Mercy were hostesses to Drs. Clippert, Henig, Blaha, Stealy and Dosech, their wives, and the hospital personnel and their spouses at a Christmas party in the hospital auditorium. Christmas music on hi-fi recordings provided background music and entertainment was provided by some of Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser's music students.

The Rialto Theatre announces admission price changes. Adults, 75¢, children under 12, 40¢. Prices effective December 25, 1959.

The A & P store advertised attractive holiday wrapped cigarettes, a carton of regular is \$2.29, kings and filters are \$2.39 a car-

ton. Lettuce is 2 heads for 39¢ and sherbet is 49¢ per half gallon.

69 Years Ago

December 24, 1936

Offices of the city of Grayling and the city library are now comfortably quartered in the remodeled fire hall.

After a few months of disorder and commotion, the Avalanche office is now enjoying a fine 25 foot square cement basement and a modern Timken Silent Automatic oil burner steam boiler. The office and work rooms are now always comfortable and warm at all hours of the day and night.

Mrs. Effie Hunter has resigned from her job as reporter for the Avalanche and has accepted a position as a bookkeeper at the Burke garage.

92 Years Ago

December 25, 1913

Christmas in Grayling without snow and cold weather is a rather unusual event, but such is the case this year.

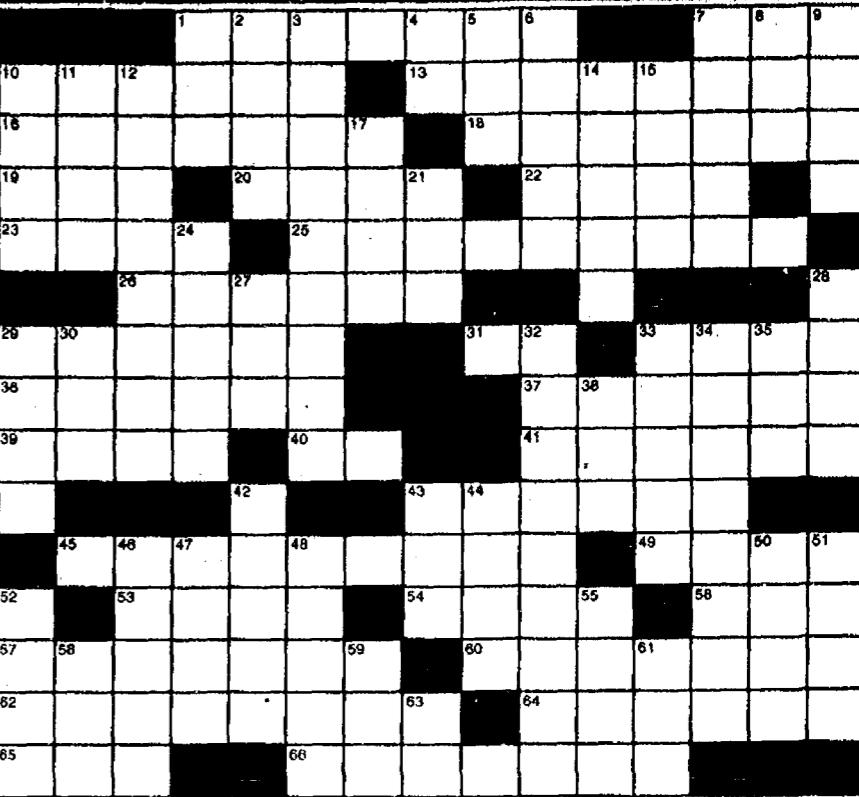
C.S. Barber, of Frederic finished his job cuttings logs, 7,000,000 feet for A. Lewis.

J.W. Burke had the misfortune to lose one of his driving horses Friday night at Frederic.

Miss Emma Frederickson, who has been a compositor in the Avalanche office for more than a year, has resigned her position and will attend Ferris Institute.

It certainly is fine to hear that old time whistle again at the Walsh manufacturing plant in Frederic.

## CROSSWORD



- Across  
 1. Plural of "spectrum."  
 2. Ornamental trophy in sports competitions.  
 10. Fine cord used in sewing.  
 13. Stare longer.  
 16. Little root.  
 18. Quality of no importance.  
 19. Whole.  
 20. Different.  
 22. Closely connected.  
 23. Money.  
 25. Traveling about without any clear destination.  
 26. Commands given by a superior.  
 29. Island in Western Samoa.  
 31. Objective case of "we."  
 33. Chalcedony with alternating black and white bands.  
 36. Compensation for an injury or insult.  
 37. Unwind from a reel.  
 39. Hide.  
 40. In order that.  
 41. Disqualify oneself in a particular case.  
 42. Fruit juice especially when undiluted.  
 45. Gain upon.  
 49. Separate out.  
 53. Something causing misery.  
 54. Child who behaves badly.  
 56. Beverage made by steeping tea leaves in water.  
 57. Causing awe.  
 60. Relating to the Ural Mountains.  
 62. Someone from Kashmir.  
 64. Entertains as a guest.  
 65. Previous to.  
 66. Crisp, smooth, lustrous fabric.  
 5. Allow a line to feed freely.  
 6. Make amends for.  
 7. Small, rough-haired breed of terrier from Scotland.  
 8. Large pot for making coffee in large quantities.  
 9. Small cylindrical pins used to plug a hole.  
 10. Light one-horse carriage with springs.  
 11. Hollow area in something solid.  
 12. 1991 film starring Jane Fonda.  
 14. Daniel ... Phil Berquist in City Slickers.  
 15. Descendant of a native of Thailand.  
 17. Male monarch.  
 21. Existing thing.  
 24. Herbert, author of Dune.  
 27. Past tense of "do."  
 28. Foley, Beverly Hills Cop.  
 29. State of being purchasable.  
 30. Acronym for Atomic Mass Unit.  
 32. Fill to an excessive degree.  
 33. AKA killer whales.  
 34. Inflammation of a nerve accompanied by pain and sometimes loss of function.  
 35. Affirmative.  
 38. (clean), it is said of an honest wine with the well-defined characters.  
 42. Toxic secretion in animals.  
 43. Steal.  
 44. Very light brown.  
 46. Excessively fat.  
 47. Hastily.  
 48. Send money to pay for merchandise.  
 50. Achievement requiring great courage.  
 51. Makes brown by sun exposure.  
 52. Thomas, Matt McGuire on Lizzie McGuire.  
 55. Stretched tight.  
 58. Open state of armed conflict.  
 59. Period of time marked by distinctive character.  
 61. Wain, historical novel writer for children.  
 63. In the event that.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**Three Berry Freezer Jam**

3 (6 oz.) bags frozen unsweetened strawberry, blueberry and blackberry fruit combination

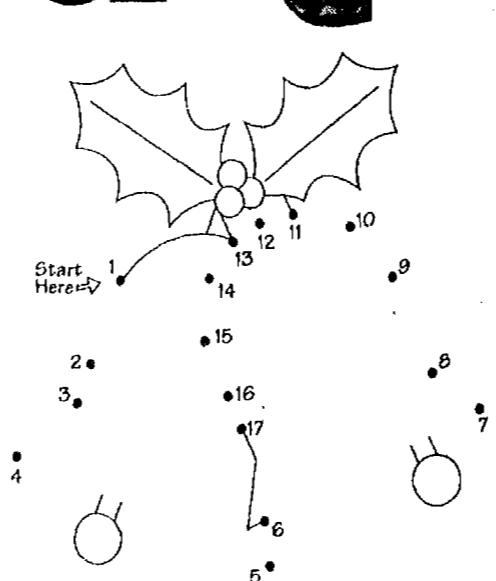
1 1/2 cups sugar

1 (1.59 oz.) pouch freezer jam pectin

Defrost berry combination, allowing a few ice crystals to remain. Crush berries with a potato masher. Measure 4 cups crushed berries; set aside. Combine sugar and pectin in a medium bowl, stirring until evenly combined. Add crushed berries. Continue stirring for 3 minutes. Ladle jam into freezer jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Adjust caps. Let jam stand at room temperature until thickened, about 30 minutes. Label jars and freeze. Yields about six 8-ounce jars.

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For the Week of December 22, 2005



The holidays are rapidly approaching. Capricorn. Make certain you're ready. A friend whiskers you away on one last adventure before the festivities begin.

December 22-  
January 19



A debate turns ugly at home. Step in and play peacemaker, Aries. Heartily wishes are headed your way. Return the favor with some homemade goodies.

March 21-  
April 19



Houseguests arrive with a little surprise. Have fun! You have a falling out with a loved one. Swallow your pride and kiss and make up.

June 22-  
July 22



Uh-huh, Libra. Now is not the time to be a snoot. Something has been hidden from you for good reason. Leave it be and all will be revealed in good time.

September 23-  
October 22



Tsk, tsk. You've made far too many excuses lately, Aquarius. Get your act together. Troubles at home require immediate attention.

January 20-  
February 18



All eyes are on you to come up with a creative solution to an ongoing problem. Don't disappoint. A misunderstanding puts a damper on a family gathering.

April 20-  
May 20



A run-in with an enemy reopens old wounds. Work to get past it. Business picks up—celebrate your good fortune with family and friends.

July 23-  
August 22



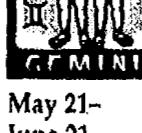
Tick, tick, tick. Time is running out for you to finish a project at work. Pick up the pace, Scorpio. Miracles of the season reaffirm your faith in humankind.

October 23-  
November 21



Shh, Pisces. A friend confides in you. Don't tell a soul. A mix-up in travel plans tests your patience. Remain calm and everything will work out.

February 19-  
March 20



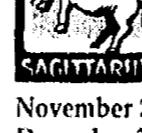
Parties abound this week. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to have a ball. A midnight rendezvous with your special someone puts you on cloud nine.

May 21-  
June 21



A round of applause at work makes you eager for more. Sit down, set some priorities and get ready to strut your stuff!

August 23-  
September 22



The gift-giving season has arrived, Sagittarius, but you're quickly running out of ideas. Look around you—there are some good ideas right in front of your nose.

November 22-  
December 21

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the Weather.com

### Last Week

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Snow

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

High

Low

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### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

High

Low

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 \$10 Gift Certificate - Medicine Shoppe

**Week 15 Winner:  
 Arnold Randall Jr. with  
 13 correct winning in the  
 1st tiebreaker with his  
 pick of 46.**

### Week 15 Winning Games

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Cincinnati  | 10. San Diego    |
| 2. New England | 11. Seattle      |
| 3. NY Giants   | 12. Jacksonville |
| 4. Denver      | 13. Cleveland    |
| 5. Houston     | 14. Philadelphia |
| 6. Carolina    | 15. Chicago      |
| 7. Washington  | Tie Breaker 1-58 |
| 8. Miami       | Tie Breaker 2-21 |
| 9. Pittsburgh  | Tie Breaker 3-19 |

1. Detroit vs. New Orleans

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11. Philadelphia vs. Arizona

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12. Indianapolis vs. Seattle

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13. Oakland vs. Denver

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14. Chicago vs. Green Bay

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 (1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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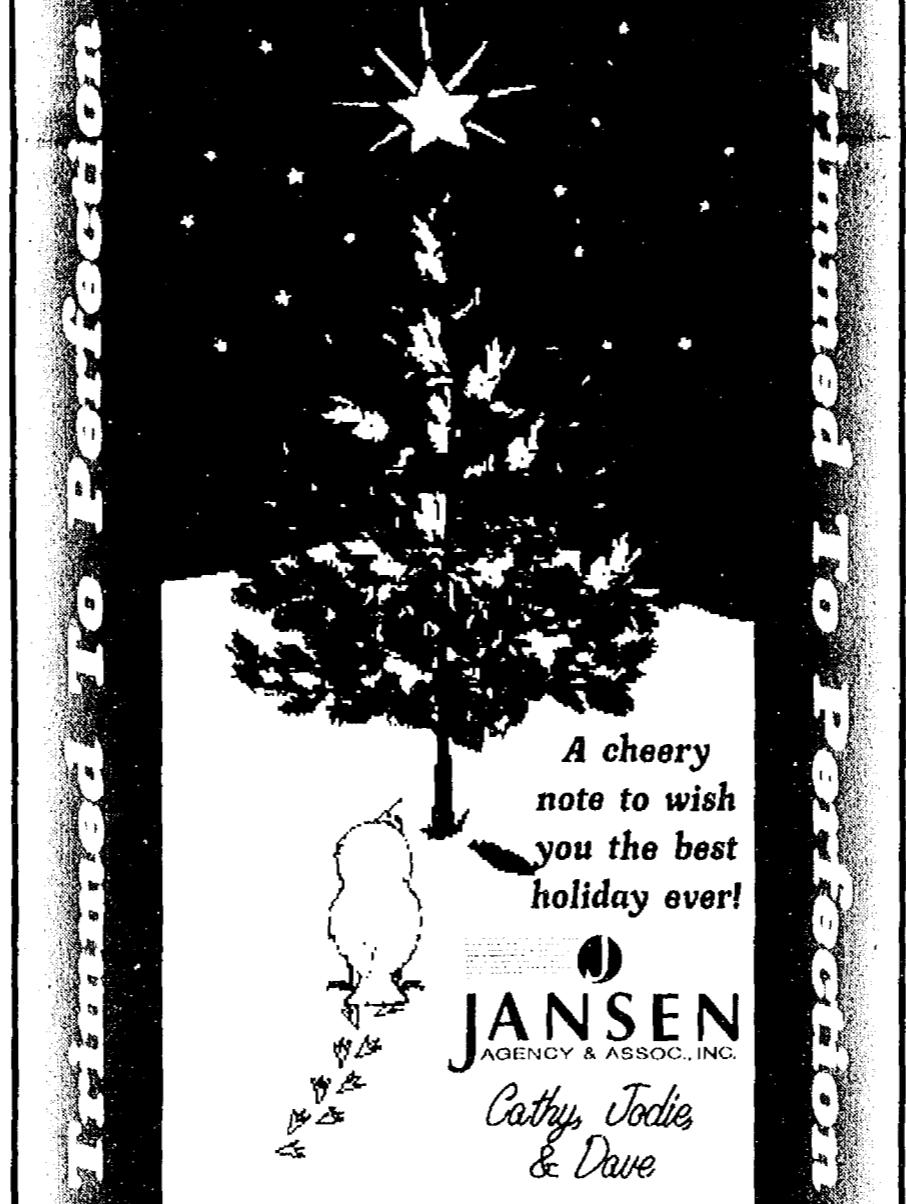


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**TRIPLEX IN TOWN** on the AuSable, \$120,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/1)

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**1500 SQ. FT. RANCH** 3 bedrooms, carpeted, immediate possession, near Moorestown. Rent while buying. \$650 a month, first, last and security. 248-887-6252, 248-240-3339. (-22-29/1)

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1. Real Estate

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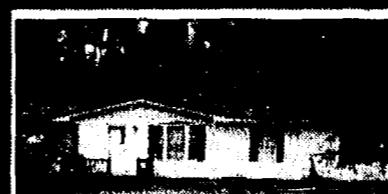
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This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 sq. of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run Golf Course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$275,000

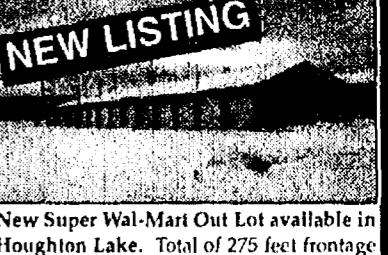
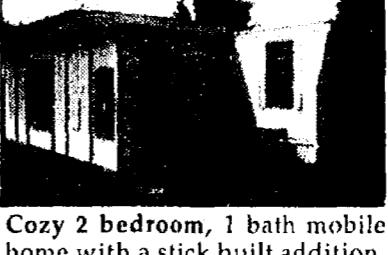
Stunning rolling hill views from this newer 3 bedroom 2 bath home on 10 acres. Lighted paved driveway, Central Air, and beautiful landscaping are just a few of this homes many features. Call today for your personal showing. \$135,000 #5566



What a set-up! Beautifully landscaped 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on over an acre of land with a view of Lake Margrethe. Stunning family room/sun room has floor to ceiling trapezoid windows. Attached garage, 24x32 pole barn, 16x40 pole barn and guest cabin. #5567 \$198,900

What a setting! This 2 bedroom is situated on 2 lots in Grayling Mobile Estates. Home features 2 garages, hobby house, shed and sun porch with wood burner. Great spot for primary residence. Seller is licensed Real Estate Broker in the state of Michigan. \$39,750 #5569

Rising cost of fuel won't affect this property! Beautiful log home can be totally heated with the wood burning system hooked directly through Central heating system. 11 acres, 50x50 horse barn with 4 stalls, round pen and more. \$310,000 #5510



Cozy 3 bedroom Chalet in a peaceful setting near Lovells. Home features Knotty Pine interior, breezeway to garage, front & rear decking and all the amenities of Warbler's Hideaway. Close access to the AuSable River & snowmobile/ORV trails. #5600 \$88,900

Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home with a stick built addition. Located on a paved road, setting on 2.5 acres with a pond, 24X40 pole barn and an additional out building. #5563 \$47,000.

New Super Wal-Mart Out Lot available in Houghton Lake. Total of 275 feet frontage on M-55. Seller will sell off lots separately. Currently utilized as a 99 storage unit business with good income. Possibilities are endless for the best income use of this property. \$799,000 #5613

Affordable 3.19 acres of 80% wooded recreational property just south of the main snowmobile trail perfect for hunting or camping. State land only 600 feet away. #5604 \$14,900

[www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com)

**989-348-5474**

**877-763-1478**

5688 West M-72

Grayling, Michigan 49734

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**5 ACRE RIVER FRONT** property. Quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large patio and yard. \$725 a month, includes snow plowing. Deposit and references required. Call 720-221-8600. (-15-22-29/2)

**201 FULTON ST.** One bedroom, upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, new kitchen cabinets, a very nice apartment. Individual locked storage in basement, with hookup for washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking and no pets. Must see to appreciate. \$450 per month. \$425 security deposit plus utilities. References required. call 989-348-7143 (-09/22/05tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM** 1 1/2 bath, garage, wood heat or propane. \$600 a month, plus utilities, deposit. 348-2473. (-22/2)

### 3. Employment

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#### CASUAL RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

**GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL** has an opening for a casual Registered/Certified Respiratory Therapist to provide quality respiratory therapy for our patients. Variable hours and schedule to fill in for staff vacations and leaves. Must be Registered or Certified by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Previous experience preferred. Please contact:

**Human Resources - Mercy Hospital Grayling**  
1100 E. Michigan Avenue  
Grayling MI 49738  
Phone: 989-348-0570  
Fax (989) 348-0485  
e-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org

#### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Mercy Hospital Grayling is looking for full-time Pharmacy Technician on the day shift. The Pharmacy Tech will work under the supervision of the pharmacist to formulate, prepare and deliver medications. Successful candidates must possess a high school diploma and be certified as a pharmacy technician or be able to become certified within 6 months of employment. Previous pharmacy experience preferred. Interested persons please contact:

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**  
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1100 E. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738  
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#### RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

**GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL** has a full-time opening for a Registered/Certified Respiratory Therapist to provide quality respiratory therapy for our patients. Schedule will be 12 hour shifts, 72 hours per pay period. Day shift. Must be Registered or Certified by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Previous experience preferred. Please contact:

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#### POSITION OPENING

##### Proofreader - Part-Time

Job includes proofreading news articles and advertisements. Must be good with spelling and grammar, reliable and able to work within deadlines.

**Send Resumé to:**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

**AVALANCHE**

P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

**MERCY HOME CARE**  
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Are you a certified Home Health Aide with at least 1-year employment as an aide in hospice, homecare or institution setting? Must have completed a formal training program and successfully completed a competency evaluation program. Would you like to pick your own hours as a contingent HHA? Do you have reliable transportation? Does being part of a team of professional hospice service providers appeal to you? If you answered yes to these questions, Mercy Hospice may have a job for you! If you are interested, please, call Brenda Lake at 989-348-0044 or fax your resume to 989-348-0047 or mail to 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738.

*Mercy Home Care & Mercy Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Home Care/Mercy Hospice is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.*

**NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-22-29/2)

**FURNISHED SMALL COTTAGE** 1 1/2 bedroom with garage, in private location, 15 minutes from Grayling or Roscommon. \$500 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-22-29/2)

**2 BEDROOM HOUSE** in country, references plus deposit. \$475 per month. 989-275-4126. (-8-15-22/2)

**KITCHENETTE FOR RENT** no deposit. Includes all utilities, cable TV, stove, refrigerator. Phone available. Western Trails Motel. 989-348-7681. (-8-15-22/2)

**3 Employment**

**2 BEDROOM HOME** on 2 acres near Skyline Ski. Privacy yard with deck. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Available now. Call 231-597-9673 or call 989-390-1482. (-22-29/2)

**SMALL EFFICIENCY CABIN** \$330 per month, \$330 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Close to town. Utilities included, no pets. 348-5124. (-22/2)

**2 BEDROOMS/1 BATH** small house in nice area. HUD approved, water provided, non-smoking, no pets. 989-710-6048 or 989-348-4443. (12/22/05tf/2)

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT** for rent on AuSable in town. \$400 a month plus utilities. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/2)

**3 Employment**

**2 BEDROOM HOME** with 2-car garage, lots of outdoor space, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Available now. Call 231-597-9673 or call 989-390-1482. (-22-29/2)

**COMMERCIAL CLEANERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY** Grayling area. \$7 to start. 248-421-9452. (-22-29/3)

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** for experienced truck drivers with valid CDL's and clean driving records, heavy equipment operators, septic pump truck operators and ready-mix truck operators. Jack Millikin Inc., 4680 North Down River Rd., Grayling. 989-349-8411. (LR1/12/06/3)

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION** Posting date: December 20, 2005. Position: High School Varsity Boy's Baseball Coach. Qualifications: Baseball background in playing baseball and/or active coaching experience. Additional information available at 403 E. Michigan Avenue. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent. Crawford AuSable Schools, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 9, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-22-5/3)

**THE MEDICINE SHOPPE PHARMACY** in Grayling is looking for a full-time technician. Experience is preferred, but not required. Good customer care is required. Mail resume to: 500 N. James St., Grayling, MI 49738. (-22-29/3)

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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 05 6853 CZ  
COURT ADDRESS 200 W. MICHIGAN  
AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.  
989-344-2841

PLAINTIFF  
WILLIAM H. NICHOLAS  
VS  
DEFENDANT  
MBC ASSOCIATES  
Plaintiff's attorney  
David R. Sabin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
(989) 348-5588  
TO: MBC ASSOCIATES

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to property in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before January 5, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, T27N, R3W, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 21, T27N, R3W; thence North 89 degrees 39'52" West along the South Section line 326.21 feet; thence North 01 degrees 08'11" East 1329.68 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence North 89 degrees 42'01" West along the 1/8 line 325.97 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence South 01 degrees 08'48" West 997.11 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40'24" West to the Easterly lot line of Lot 77, AuSable Woods #3 16.37 feet; thence North to a point on the 1/8 line that is 290.00 feet East of the Northeast corner of Outlot "A" (also identified on the recorded plat as White Pine Park); thence East along the 1/8 line to the Point of Beginning.

Date: 11-30-05  
HONORABLE JANET M. ALLEN  
P30817

-8-15-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, LeRoy Harris Christian, who lived at 111 Dale St., Grayling, Michigan died 1/10/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacquelyn Sabon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11/29/05

Todd H. Nye P59301  
306 State St., P.O. Box 708  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6141  
Jacquelyn Sabon  
23815 Manila  
Clinton Twp., MI 48035  
(586) 792-0850

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7070-DE

Estate of Milo R. Priestley

Date of birth: 2/13/1911

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Milo R. Priestley, who lived at 7021 Military Rd., Twp. of Beaver Creek, Michigan died April 21, 1978.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Priestley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 S. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Curt Olikainen P37052

432 N. Saginaw St. Suite 504

Flint, MI 48502

(810) 257-0400

Robert Priestley

8285 N. Pine Haven Point

Crystal River, FL 34428

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Bendig and Edna F. Bendig, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated February 20, 2005 and recorded March 8, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 105, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse by assignment Dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 670 Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$132,416.19) including interest at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as: The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 25, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period will expire one (1) year from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: November 25, 2005  
s/ John E. Rosczyk (P22847)  
Attorney for Mortgagor, Walter L. Weber  
243 Lake Street, P.O. Box 535  
(989) 275-8966

-1-8-15-22-29

## Notice Of Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2006.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD L TROJANEK MARRIED AND LAURA L TROJANEK HIS WIFE to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2002, and recorded on November 08, 2002, in Liber 606, on page 235, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC. by an assignment dated December 01, 2004, and recorded on January 19, 2005, in Liber 673, on page 393 in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty And 09/100 Dollars (\$108,140.09), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: December 22, 2005  
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National

Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

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Dated: December 22, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

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## MORTGAGE SALE

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### MORTGAGE SALE

File No. 05-7071-DE

Estate of LeRoy Harris Christian

Date of birth: 11/07/1913

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI , at 10:00 AM on January 11, 2006.

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 5, WOODHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 05, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 08, 2005  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR: NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

For More Information Call:  
(248) 540-7701

-8-15-22-29

-15-22-29-5

## Mortgage Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur C. Brandt, a married person and Christine M. Brandt, his wife, signing as to her dower interest, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2002, and recorded on November 27, 2002 in Liber 609 on Page 435, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$195,979.31), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, PC.

Attorneys For Servicer

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #058104F02

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty And 09/100 Dollars (\$108,140.09), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

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## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

Ordinance No. 12-13-05 of 2005

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE #10-14-03

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS HEREBY ORDAINS:

##### Section 1. Amendment of Article XVI, Section 16.02 Subsection (f) - Penalties for Violations.

Article XVI, Section 16.02, Subsection (F)(1) of the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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**COMPLETE WOODEN BUNK BED** set with mattresses, 2 matching dressers. Asking \$300. Call 348-3179. (-22/5)

**QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP** mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

**J. DAP CO** gift store is the place to go for teacher gifts, hostess gifts, office gifts, etc. Drop by J. Dap Co at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-8-15-22/5)

**BAGELS, MUFFINS** and your favorite coffee drink. Bloomin Grape Deli. 989-344-2221 (in Ace Hardware Complex). (9/20/05tf/5)

**SKIS** Rossignol, (195), \$38. K2, (192), \$28. Boots, (11), \$8. 2 security boxes. 989-348-4981. (-15-22-19/5)

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-1-8-15-22

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian C. Watkins and Julie A. Watkins, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagor, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and 41/100 Dollars (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 8, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC II 248-593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #051691F02

-8-15-22-29

### Notice Of Foreclosure

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Robert L. Butler, a Single Man

to

First National Bank of Gaylord,

Mortgagor, dated October 7, 1999 and recorded October 8, 1999 in Liber 492 Page 325 Crawford County Records, Michigan and was partially discharged December 15, 2000 and recorded December 18, 2000 in Liber 525 Page 212. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company, by assignment dated November 7, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 549 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$230,873.29) including interest 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel D: Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point located distant North 01 degree 17 minutes East along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet and South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 665.54 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 23; thence continuing South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 332.77 feet; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 55 seconds West, 329.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds West, 332.50 feet; thence North 01 degree 22 minutes 36 seconds East, 329.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Commonly known as Lot 9 Janice Manor, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with

1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated November 21, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns Homecomings Financial Network, Inc.

Mortgage

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

-8-15-22-29

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

The Redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated December 15, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagor, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and 41/100 Dollars (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Janice Manor, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as Lot 9 Janice Manor, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated December 1, 2005

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23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

-22-29-5-12

**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City

Financial Corp., dated September 16, 2002, and recorded on September 24, 2002 in Liber 597 on Page 53, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four And 40/100 Dollars (\$66,884.40), including interest at 10.48% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 7, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

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Dated December 1, 2005

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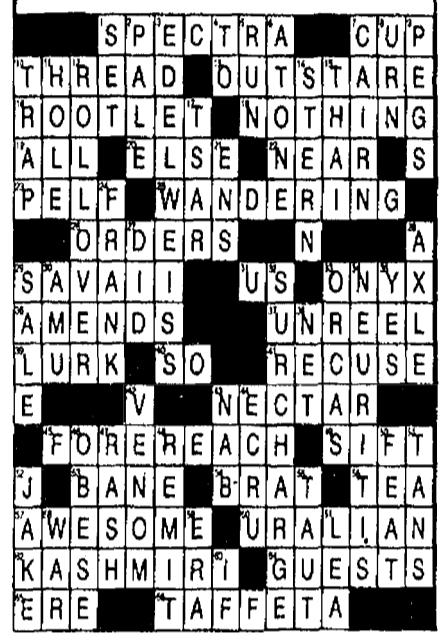
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**FOUND-CAT** tan long hair, black/brown marking on face. Ausable Trail, 989-348-2178. (-22/7)

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#### 7. Announcements

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**CREATE YOUR OWN** gift basket for your favorite knitter, seamstress or scrap booking enthusiast, or we can fill it for you. Gift certificates are also available for teachers, employees, friends and neighbors. Let us help you find that special gift at Fabrics and More, next to Rochettes IGA. 344-0986. (-15-22/8)

#### NOTICE

##### HUBER TAX SERVICE

Due to medical condition, I will no longer be doing taxes.  
Richard Huber

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY** at Skyline Ski & Country Club. Music by Brian Ashton, hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast. \$15 per person. Please call 989-275-5445 for reservations. Skyline will open for skiing on December 26. For rates, times and directions, log onto our web site at www.hawkridgegolf.net. (-22-29/8)

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**FANNIE FINN'S CLOSED** The shop will be closed Tuesday, 12-27-05, through Monday, 1-2-2006. Fannie wishes you a great Christmas & Happy New Year. Visit Fannie at www.fanniefinn.com. (-22/8)

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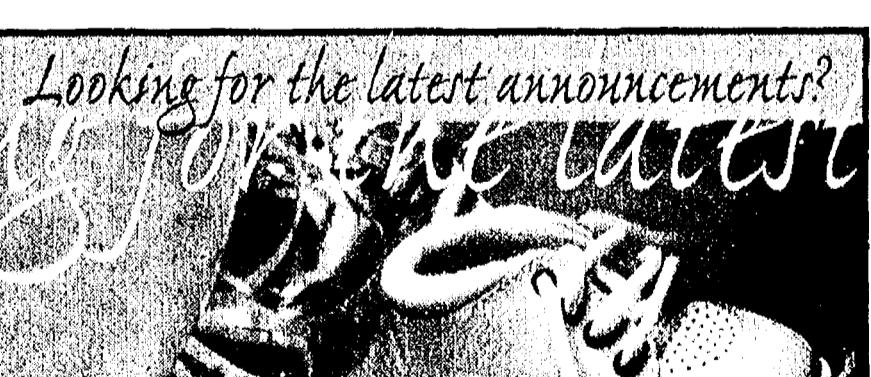
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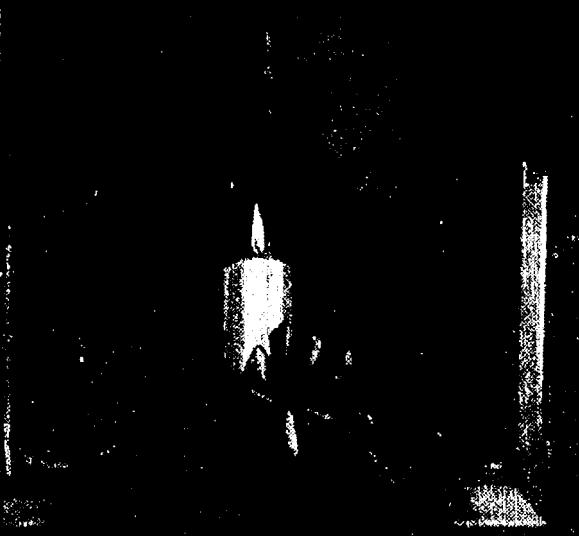
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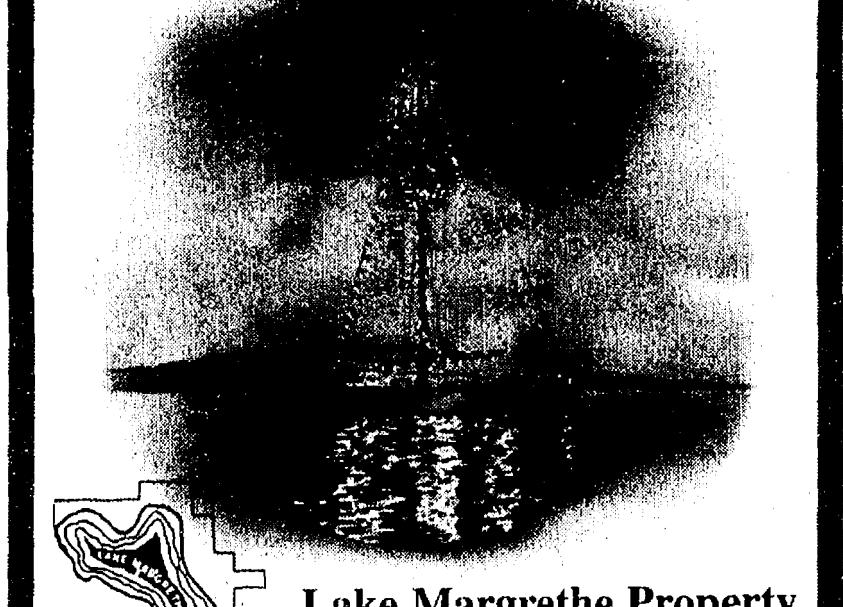
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